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# COINS OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD

## SESSION A

Thursday 2 October 2016, starting at 12.00 noon



<sup>#1</sup>

**Arab-Sasanian, Bishr b. Marwan**, drachm, AKWLA (Aqola, near Kufa) 74h, *obv.*, in margin: DYN – *bismillah Muhammad – rasul Allah*, *rev.*, standing figure with hands raised in prayer, flanked by two attendants, 3.82g (Treadwell A6, same obverse die?), *very fine and very rare* £4,000-6,000



<sup>2</sup>

**Arab-Sasanian, Anonymous Kharijite issue**, drachm, ART (Ardashir Khurra) 75h, *obv.*, before bust, instead of governor's name: LWYTW DATWBR | BLA YYZTW ('There is no justice except from God'); in margin: *bismillah – la hukm illa lillah*, 4.04g (Gaube 116; Album 34 RRR), *light graffiti in margins, very fine to good very fine and extremely rare* £2,500-3,000



<sup>#3</sup>

**Arab-Sasanian, al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, drachm, BYŠ (Bishapur) 79h, *obv.*, governor's name **in Pahlawi** before bust, in margin: *bismillah – FRAWZAT*, 3.88g (SICA 1, 225), *very fine and very rare* £1,000-1,500



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**Eastern Sistan Series, Khusraw II type**, drachm, SK (Sijistan) 87h, *obv.*, in border: *bismillah – rabbi*, *rev.*, in second quadrant of border: *jayyid*, 4.07g, *good very fine and of neat style, extremely rare* £700-1,000



5  
**Eastern Sistan Series, Khusraw II type**, drachm, SK (Sijistan) 88h, *obv.*, in border: *bismillah – rabbi*, *rev.*, in fourth quadrant of border: *'Abd*, 3.90g, some staining, *very fine to good very fine and extremely rare* £700-1,000



6  
**Eastern Sistan Series, Khusraw II type**, drachm, SK (Sijistan) 89h, *obv.*, in border: *bismillah – rabbi*, *rev.*, in fourth quadrant of border: *barakat*, 3.84g (cf Morton & Eden auction 79, lot 16 [with *barakat lillah*]), *very fine to good very fine and extremely rare* £800-1,200

Like the example of this date sold in these rooms earlier this year, and exceptionally for Eastern Sistan issues, the dates on these three drachms are very clearly engraved.



‡7  
**Eastern Sistan Series, Khusraw II type**, drachm, *obv.*, in border: *Allah walla 'awn – bismillah – rabbi*, *rev.*, in first quadrant of border: *duriba bi'l-muharraq*, 4.23g (Walker p.23, I.11; Album 76.2), *very fine and very rare* £1,000-1,500



‡8  
**Arab-Armenian, Muhammad b. Marwan**, drachm, 'SY' (for Shiraz – a frozen mint-signature, the coin itself possibly in Harran), *circa 75-78h, obv.*, *Muhammad* in Arabic in obverse margin; Roman letter 'T' replaces star-in-crescent at 6 o'clock, *rev.*, date (frozen year '29?') to left, mint-letter Š to right, 2.19g (cf SCC 17), *clipped, fine and very rare* £500-700



- 9  
**Abbasid governors of Tabaristan, Rawh b. Hatim (146-148h)**, hemidrachm, Tabaristan 146h, *obv.*, to right and left of bust: *al-Mahdi Muhammad – ibn amir al-mu'minin*, *rev.*, to left: *mimma amara bihi Rawh b. Hatim*; to right, in two lines: mint and date written in Arabic, 2.07g (Malek 53), *light deposit on reverse, good very fine and extremely rare* £3,000-4,000



- 10  
**Abbasid governors of Tabaristan, Yahya b. Mikhnaq (fl. 163-165h)**, hemidrachm, TPWRSTAN PYE 129 (Malek 89; Album 60 RR), *good very fine and very rare* £700-1,000



- 11  
**Abbasid governors of Tabaristan, Mihran (fl. 170h)**, hemidrachm, TPWRSTAN PYE 135, 1.84g (Malek 92; Album 62 RR), *edge split, bust weakly struck, some minor flan faults, otherwise very fine and very rare* £700-1,000



- 12  
**Ghuzz Rulers of Syr Darya, 'Abdallah b. Tahir (213-230h) and Muhammad**, drachm, without mint or date, *obv.*, bust to right with 'Abdallah b. Tahir before, *rev.*, horseman riding right, Muhammad behind his back, 1.47g (Goncharov/Nastich Type I), *some weak striking, good very fine and struck in good silver very rare* £700-1,000



- 13  
**Ghuzz Rulers of Syr Darya, 'Abdallah b. Tahir (213-230h) and Namij Jabuya**, drachm, without mint or date, *obv.*, bust to right with 'Abdallah b. Tahir before, *rev.*, horseman riding right, Namij Jabu-ya behind his back, 1.68g (Goncharov/Nastich Type II), *in good silver, good very fine for issue and very rare* £700-1,000



- 14  
**Ghuzz Rulers of Syr Darya, 'Abdallah b. Tahir (213-230h) and Namij Jabuya**, drachm, without mint or date, *obv.*, bust to right with *Jabuya malik al-Ghuzziya mawla amir al-mu'minin* before (partly off-flan on this specimen), *rev.*, horseman riding right with 'Abdallah | bin Tahir behind, 1.23g (cf Goncharov/Nastich Type III), *very fine and very rare* £700-1,000



15

**Umayyad**, dinar, Ifriqiya 101h, small flan variety, 4.29g (Artuk 93, *same rev. die*; SICA 2, 332), *fine to good fine with clear mint and date, extremely rare*

£8,000-12,000



16

**Umayyad**, dinar, Ifriqiya 116h, *rev.*, two pellets below field, 4.28g (Bernardi 43Ca, *this date not listed*; cf Walker p.10, P.55 = Lavoix 465 [dated 117h]), *very fine and of the highest rarity, apparently unpublished*

£20,000-30,000

See also inside front cover illustration.

This coin fills in one of the gaps in the sequence of Umayyad dinars from the mint of Ifriqiya. Examples are known for the years 114h and 117h, both from unique coins first published by Lavoix in the nineteenth century. Like the specimen dated 117h, the present coin has two pellets below the third line of the reverse field.

While all dates for Umayyad post-Reform gold from Ifriqiya are at least very rare, and several dates are in fact only known from single examples, it does seem that a more-or-less regular coinage of dinars was produced from 100h until the early 120s. For the twenty-three years from 100h through 122h inclusive, the only dates for which no gold coins are currently reported appear to be 108h, 109h, 112h, 113h, 115h, 118h, 119h and 120h.



17

**Umayyad, dinar, Ma'din Amir al-Mu'minin 92h, obv.**, in field: *la ilaha illa | Allah wahdahu | la sharik lahu | Ma'din Amir | al-Mu'minin*; rev., standard Umayyad type with date legend in margin, point below b of *duriba*, 4.25g (SICA 10, 487, same obverse die; Bernardi 47), *minor marks in reverse field but generally good very fine, historically important and extremely rare*

£250,000-300,000

See also front cover illustration.

Enigmatic, historically intriguing, and of the highest rarity, Umayyad dinars from the 'Mine of the Commander of the Faithful' have fascinated numismatists for more than a century. The circumstances under which they were issued are still the subject of scholarly debate, although recent research and newly published coins have advanced our knowledge considerably in recent years. Examples dated 89h, 92h and 105h have been sold in these rooms previously (the unique coin of 89h on 23 April 2012 and the other two dates on 4 April 2011).

The phrase '*Ma'din Amir al-Mu'minin*' is found on two groups of gold coins. The earlier group, known for the years 89h, 91h and 92h and to which this coin belongs, carries these words in the obverse field below the normal inscriptions. On the later coins, known only for the year 105h, the phrase is expanded to read '*Ma'din Amir al-Mu'minin bi'l-Hijaz*', 'Mine of the Commander of the Faithful in the Hejaz,' and is placed in the lower part of the *reverse* field.

The significance of the *Ma'din* inscription is still debated but, as has previously been argued, there is much to be said for the simplest explanation: that it refers to a mine belonging to the caliph. While the word 'mine' can be used metaphorically in Arabic, all other legends found on post-Reform Umayyad gold and silver coins are either religious (verses from the Qur'an) or factual (stating where and when the coin was struck). That being said, it seems difficult to treat it as a normal mint-name, which one would expect to find in the margin with the date, and for which there would certainly have been space to include there. It has also been observed that the mints on the Umayyad silver coinage were set up in cities, or perhaps at places where the army halted on campaign, but are not otherwise known to have been set up at a mine itself. There are several with the title *Madinat*, 'city,' but none with *Ma'din*, 'mine.' It seems more plausible that this inscription denotes to the source of the gold, indicating that it had been extracted from a mine owned by the caliph himself.

It has been plausibly suggested that 'Mine of the Commander of the Faithful' dinars may have been struck at a travelling mint which accompanied the caliph. If this was staffed by workers from the Damascus mint using their usual tools and equipment, one would expect the coins they produced to look identical, whether struck in the capital or on the road. But coins of all three dates known for this issue – 89h, 91h and 92h, and indeed of the related coins dated 105h, all share dated reverse dies with standard mintless Umayyad dinars which are generally accepted as having been struck in or near Damascus. These reverse dies also bear the date, which means that they can only (or should only) have been used for the one year engraved on them. It therefore follows that if these reverse dies did indeed leave Damascus with a travelling mint they can only have been away from the capital for more than a few months at most. On the other hand we know that an obverse die with the *Ma'din Amir al-Mu'minin* legend was shared between coins struck over a period of at least four years. Clearly this special die was not considered redundant at the year's end but was kept for future use. For a single die to survive for four years also suggests that these 'Mine of the Commander of the Faithful' dinars can only have been produced in very small numbers, which is consistent with their great rarity today.

Where might the caliph's mines have been located? The legend *Ma'din Amir al-Mu'minin bi'l-Hijaz* found on dinars of 105h, together with the fact that the Umayyad caliph 'Umar is recorded as having purchased a plot of land containing a gold mine in the Hejaz area (Miles, op. cit., p. 266), has led scholars to propose that the gold used to strike these earlier dinars also came from the Hejaz. It has also been suggested that the caliph might have visited mines in this area while travelling to the Holy Places. In his catalogue of the Turath Collection, Ilisch hypothesized that 'a travelling "court mint", dependent on the main mint and Damascus and working for the caliphal private treasury...was in operation on several occasions: in connection with the construction work for the great mosque in Medina (built...in 88-91 A.H.) [and] during the visit of the caliph al-Walid to Medina in 91/92 A.H., when he led the Hajj.'

This in turn raises several interesting questions: Did gold from the caliph's personal mines have a different status from gold obtained from other sources? Was this gold somehow treated differently from gold brought to the mint through tax revenues or by private individuals? Might it reflect an early distinction between state funds and the privy purse? Or might they even have been personal gifts from the caliph himself?

For further discussion of this coinage and a specialist bibliography, please see Morton and Eden auction 48, 4 April 2011 where two other 'Mine of the Commander of the Faithful' dinars were sold, dated 92h (sold for £648,000) and 105h (sold for £3,720,000).



18

**Umayyad, temp. 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan (65-86h)**, dirham, Arminiya 78h, *obv.*, with *Muhammad rasul Allah*...in margin, *rev.*, with mint/date formula in margin, *wa* at beginning of third line in field, 2.77g (Klat 45 = Naqshabandi and Bakri 3), *toned, good very fine and excessively rare* £20,000-30,000

All Umayyad post-Reform silver from the year 78h is of the highest rarity, to the extent that Walker, writing in 1956, was unaware that any even existed. Since then, barely a dozen examples of this date have come to light, but these few coins have transformed our understanding of how the reform of the silver coinage came about.

Unaware that dirhams dated 78h existed, Walker believed that the earliest post-Reform silver coin was a mintless dirham dated 79h (Walker p.104, Kh.4; an example of this issue was sold in these rooms, 22 April 2013, lot 10), which he attributed – almost certainly correctly – to the mint of Damascus. He considered that this was an experimental piece, issued without mint-name to conform to the pattern set by the gold dinar coinage, but that when a number of other mints began striking the new dirhams in 79h it was decided to add the mint-name to Damascus dirhams also. However, the existence of dirhams dated 78h from five different mints – Adharbayjan, Arminiya (as here), Jayy, Shaqq al-Taymara and al-Kufa, all of which were active in the year before production began at Damascus, demonstrates that the reformed dirham coinage was not something begun in the capital and gradually adopted elsewhere, as Walker's explanation implied. Instead, it seems that the decision to begin issuing the new dirhams began in the year 78h, with dozens of mints involved, although for practical reasons not all were able to begin production immediately. Those which were already striking silver coins might be expected to have begun issuing the new coins sooner, while others, including those which were geographically more remote, or where a mint had been reopened or a new facility established, would surely have taken longer.

The calligraphy on this piece has clear similarities with that found on Armenian drachms issued circa 75-78h under Muhammad b. Marwan, the caliph's brother and governor of the province, and the presence of local workers who were able to produce new dies on site may have been another reason why Armenia was able to begin striking post-Reform dirhams more quickly than other locations. This might also explain why the legends are placed differently on this specimen – as an exceptionally early issue it was struck before the precise format of the design had evolved. It may be noted that the placing of the mint/date formula on the reverse, as on this piece, rather than on the obverse where later Umayyad dirhams carry it, is exactly the same arrangement as adopted on the post-Reform gold coinage. So Armenia, which was producing its own distinctive regional coinage at the time of the reforms, may well have been in a position to strike dirhams before Damascus, whose own silver coinage during the 70s is restricted to a few experimental types which never seem to have been struck in quantity.



19

**Umayyad**, dirham, Barda'a 93h, *obv.*, annulets o o o o o ●, *rev.*, marginal legend ends *al-mushrikun*; in field: *wa* at end of second line, 2.76g (cf Klat 159 [92h]), *central flan crack, otherwise very fine and of the highest rarity, apparently unpublished and only the second known Umayyad dirham reported from the mint* £30,000-40,000

See also inside back cover illustration.

The town of Barda'a was founded *circa* AD460 on the orders of the Sasanian emperor Peroz I (457-484h). Known initially as Perozapat and later by the Armenian name Partav, it is situated on the left bank of the Tartar river in present-day Azerbaijan. The town was captured by the Muslims in the 20s Hijri and its Armenian name evolved into the Arabic version: Barda'a.

Barda'a is one of the very rarest of all Umayyad silver mints. The only other specimen, dated 92h, is a broken coin which first published by Shams Eshragh in 1990 and which is still the only example known to Klat in 2002. No other Umayyad dirham of this mint appears to have been offered for public sale since.

Umayyad silver struck at mints in Armenia and the North has been studied in detail by Michael Bates ('The Dirham Mint of the Northern Provinces of the Umayyad Caliphate,' *Armenian Numismatic Journal*, XV (1989), pp.89-110). Bates argues convincingly that although at least ten different Umayyad mint-names referring to locations in this area appear on the coinage, only one mint was normally active at any one time. He concludes that the mint '*moved from place to place as the governor moved his headquarters, taking the name at any time of the city of province where he was.*' (*op. cit.* p.91). Thus when two different mint-names are found on dirhams of a particular date, this shows that the governor himself had moved from one location to another in the middle of the year.

Bates produced a table listing the sequence of dirham mints active in the region during the Umayyad period. The only missing dates are 79h, 111h, 112h and 113h, but he also noted an anomaly for the year 93h which this coin now resolves. At this time, Umayyad dirhams struck in this region have distinctive, rounded, 'spidery' epigraphy similar to contemporary dirhams from Damascus. The only coin known to Bates dated 93h was a dirham struck at al-Bab with completely different, Eastern-style letter-forms, of which Bates remarked ...*it cannot have been issued by the same minters who usually made Northern dirhams, but must have been produced by Eastern minters in the company of a military expedition from the East.*' This left a gap in the issues of the regional governor, who struck dirhams at both Arminiya and Janza in 92h and 94h, but for whom no dirhams were then known for the year 93h. The discovery of this coin demonstrates that the arrival of an army from the East did not mean that the local governor stopped striking coins in this year, and means that we can place him in the town of Barda'a from late 92h through 93h. Although our written sources are silent on the point, this newly-discovered coin hints at a significant campaign northwards in this year, involving local forces moving north to take a position in Barda'a, as well as extra troops brought in from elsewhere who pushed further north as far as al-Bab (modern Derbend, only 130 miles north of Barda'a).



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**Umayyad**, dirham, Dasht Maysan 79h, 2.70g (Klat 318), *scratch in obverse field, about very fine and very rare* £3,000-4,000



‡21

**Umayyad**, dirham, Dimashq 132h, 2.84g (Klat 376.a, citing three examples of this date), *toned, very fine to good very fine and extremely rare* £3,000-4,000



22

**Umayyad**, dirham, Sijistan 132h, 2.74g (Klat 448, citing a single example of this date), *peripheral staining on obverse, otherwise very fine and extremely rare* £2,000-2,500



23

**Umayyad**, dirham, Fil 79h, 2.75g (Klat 514), *minor graffiti, very fine to good very fine and very rare* £3,000-4,000



‡24

**Revolutionary Period**, dirham, Gharshistan 138h, of standard Umayyad type, *obv.*, four pairs of annulets in margin, 2.69g (*vide* Bates, M.L., 'Khurasani Revolutionaries and al-Mahdi's Title,' *Culture and Memory in Medieval Islam: Essays in Honor of Wilferd Madelung*, London and New York, 2003, pp. 279-317, reporting 'perhaps two' examples in private hands), *very fine and extremely rare* £10,000-15,000



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**Umayyad**, fals, Rusafa, undated, *obv.*, in field: *la ilaha i- | lla illa* (sic) *Allah | wahdahu*, all within linear border outside which are three large annulets, *rev.*, in field: *Muhammad | rasul | Allah* within linear border; in margin: *bismillah duriba hadha al-fals bi-Rusafa*, 4.00g, *fine to good fine and of the highest rarity, apparently unpublished* £1,500-2,000



26

**Abbasid, temp. al-Mahdi (158-169h)**, fals, al-Yamama 167h, *rev.*, in field: *al-Khalifa al-Mahdi | Muhammad | Amir al-Mu'minin | Hajar*, 3.70g, *fine and of the highest rarity, apparently unpublished* £1,500-2,000



27

**Abbasid**, fals, Jund Qinnasrin, undated (possibly 160s?), 3.15g, *obv.*, in margin: *bismillah duriba [...] Musa b. 'Abdallah bi-Jund Qinnasrin, rev.*, in margin: *bismillah mimma amr bihi al-amir [...]*; in field: *ala yaday / Musa b. 'Abdallah, 3.16g, almost very fine and of the highest rarity*

£1,000-1,500

The term 'Jund' denotes an administrative district, and so 'Jund Qinnasrin' presumably refers to the ardistrict with Qinnasrin as its principal town. This unpublished coin appears to be the only known occurrence of the mint-name 'Jund Qinnasrin' in the coinage record.



28

**Abbasid, temp. al-Rashid (170-193h)**, dinar, 170h, *rev.*, *al-'Ala* below field, 3.82g (Bernardi 61), *clipped and flan buckled, otherwise fine to good fine and very rare*

£1,000-1,500



29

**Abbasid, temp. al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dinar, Madinat al-Salam 198h, with mint-name in obverse field, *rev.*, citing *Dhu'l-Riyasatayn*, 4.01g (Bernardi 99Jh; Album 222.12 RR), *minor scuffs, good fine and rare*

£1,500-2,000

This is an example of the first Islamic gold coin to bear the name of Madinat al-Salam, the formal title used for Baghdad on the Abbasid coinage.



30

**Abbasid, temp. al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dinar, Madinat al-Salam 211h, Reform type with double marginal legend on obverse, 4.11g (Bernardi 116Jh, date not listed), *lightly creased, almost very fine and of the highest rarity, apparently unpublished*

£1,500-2,000

Bernardi lists 212h as the earliest date for the post-Reform dinar coinage of Baghdad, although an example dated 210h is now known (SICA 3, 1783).



31

**Abbasid, al-Mu'tasim (218-227h)**, dinar, Marw 220h, 4.28g (Bernardi 151Ph RR), *fine to good fine and extremely rare, the earliest date for gold dinars from the mint*

£700-1,000



32

**Abbasid, Interregnum (255h)**, dinar, Misr 255h, struck from dies prepared for coins of al-Mu'tazz but with the name of the heir effaced from the obverse and that of the caliph from the reverse, 4.22g (Bernardi 164De), *almost very fine and very rare*

£1,000-1,500



33

**Abbasid, al-Mu'tamid (256-279h)**, dinar, no mint-name 273h, *obv.*, citing the caliph's brother *al-Muwaffaq billah*, 3.99g (Bernardi 177 RRR), *good fine and very rare*

£1,000-1,500

These very rare mintless dinars were struck for a brief period in the early 270s. The style of the epigraphy is very distinctive, and similarities have been noted with the contemporary dinars of the Arab Amirs of Crete, which apart from special donative issues are the only other gold coins of this period not to bear a mint-name.



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**Abbasid, al-Mu'tamid (256-279h)**, dinar, Samarqand 260h, with caliph's name only, 4.31g (Bernardi 171Qe RR), *obverse slightly off-centre, light deposit, otherwise good very fine and rare*

£700-1,000



35

**Abbasid, al-Mu'tamid (256-279h)**, dinar, Madinat al-Salam 275h, *obv.*, citing *al-nasir li-din Allah | al-Muwaffaq billah*, *rev.*, citing the caliph and *Ahmad b. al-Muwaffaq billah*, 3.96g (Bernardi 184Jh, *this piece cited*), *good very fine and rare*

£1,000-1,200

Ex Peus auction 380, 3 November 2004, lot 1060



<sup>‡</sup>36

**Abbasid, al-Mu'tadid (279-289h)**, dinar, Nisibin 283h, 4.12g (Bernardi 211Hg, citing a single example of this date), *good very fine and extremely rare*

£3,000-4,000



<sup>‡</sup>37

**Abbasid, al-Muktafi (289-295h)**, dinar, Dimashq 295h, 4.17g (Bernardi 226Ge, citing a single example of this date), *almost extremely fine and extremely rare*

£2,500-3,000



38

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, Filastin 304h, 4.09g (Bernardi 242Gn, *this date not listed*; cf Morton & Eden auction 69, 10 April 2014, lot 64, *same dies*), *very fine with minor weakness, extremely rare*

£1,000-1,500



39

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, Misr 297h, *obv.*, with name *Abu'l-'Abbas bin | Amir al-Mu'minin*, 3.92g (Bernardi 242De [this type listed only for 298h onwards]; SICA 4, 1504 [but coin 1505, stated to be of this date, appears to be dated 299h]; cf ICA 24, lot 4376), *good very fine and extremely rare*

£1,500-2,000



40

**Abbasid, al-Mustarshid (512-529h)**, dinar, Isfahan 512h, *obv.*, unread word above; name of caliph below, *rev.*, in field: Qur'an 48: 1-3, 'We have given you a great victory, that God may cover up your shortcomings, past and future, and that he may complete his favour on you and may guide you on the straight path, and help you with everlasting help,' around which, starting at 3 o'clock: 'Conclude – Lord, you have blessed – with benevolence – alone,' 3.21g (see Younis, M., 'Seljuq Dinars of Isfahan 512/1118, Dating for the Military Confrontation between Sanjar and Mahmud' in *Rasmir: Oriental Numismatics, Proceedings of the 1st International Scientific Conference held in Odessa, Ukraine, 29-31 July 2011*, pp.137-142; cf Morton & Eden auction 54, 23 April 2012, lot 95), *fine to good fine and extremely rare*

£1,500-2,000

This remarkable coin with its highly distinctive religious verses was struck in a year of considerable political change. The previous caliph, al-Mustazhir, died earlier in this year, while there was war among the Seljuqs between Sultan Mahmud and Sanjar, with the latter finally prevailing in 513h. Presumably, while the outcome of the fighting was in doubt, it was felt safest to strike coins acknowledging neither.



<sup>‡</sup>41

**Almoravid Taifas, anonymous (c.541-546h)**, dinar, [5]44h, without mint-name, 3.67g (Vives 2001 var.; Album 405; cf Morton & Eden auction 79, 21 April 2016, lot 106, *same dies*), *good very fine and very rare*

£1,000-1,500



42

**Tulunid, Khumarawayh b. Ahmad (270-282h)**, dinar, Antakiya 275h, *obv.*, citing *al-Mufawwad ila-'llah*, *rev.*, citing the caliph *al-Mu'tamid 'ala-'llah* and *Khumarawayh b. Ahmad*, (cf Bernardi 193Ga, *this date not listed*), good very fine and extremely rare, apparently unpublished £1,200-1,500



43

**Tulunid, Khumarawayh b. Ahmad (270-282h)**, dinar, Antakiya 279h, *obv.*, citing *al-Mufawwad ila-'llah*, *rev.*, citing the caliph *al-Mu'tamid 'ala-'llah* and *Khumarawayh b. Ahmad*, 4.20g (cf Bernardi 193Ga, *this date not listed*), struck from rusty dies but good fine to very fine, extremely rare and apparently an unpublished date £1,200-1,500



‡44

**Tulunid, Harun b. Khumarawayh (283-292h)**, dinar, Balis 284h, 3.78g (Bernardi 215Gs), slightly ragged flan, better than very fine and extremely rare £3,000-5,000



45

**Tulunid, Harun b. Khumarawayh (283-292h)**, dinar, Halab 286h, 4.58g (Bernardi 215Gb RRR), slight weakness in margins, otherwise good very fine and very rare £800-1,200



‡46

**Tulunid, Harun b. Khumarawayh (283-292h)**, dinar, Hims 285h, 3.95g (Bernardi 215Gd, citing two examples of this date), slightly uneven flan and minor marks, good very fine and very rare £1,000-1,500



47

**Fatimid, al-Mahdi (297-322h)**, sudaysi, al-Jaththa, undated, 0.29g (Nicol 8, citing a single example, *very fine with mint-name particularly clear, extremely rare*) £1,200-1,500

Fatimid partisans were active in the Yemen during al-Mahdi's time. Album (*Checklist*, p. 118) notes that they appear to have gained control of several mint-towns in the region during the years 298-301h. Jaththa is the rarest of these, and the coin offered here appears to be the second published example of the type.

The obverse margin on this piece gives the denomination as '*al-dirham*'.



‡48

**Fatimid, al-Qa'im (322-334h)**, dinar, al-Qayrawan 335h (sic), 4.21g (Nicol 148), *fine to good fine, rare* £500-700

During the reign of al-Qa'im a rebellion against the Fatimids broke out in North Africa, led by Abu Yazid al-Nukkari. Al-Nukkari took control of Qayrawan in 333h and struck coins in this and the following year. Al-Qa'im died during 334h and it was his successor, al-Mansur, who led the campaign which defeated al-Nukkari. The present coin shows that pro-Fatimid forces had regained control of Qayrawan by 335h, but al-Mansur himself appears to have struck no coins there in his own name, possibly because he had already begun work on the foundation of a new Fatimid capital named after him: al-Mansuriya.



49

**Fatimid, al-'Aziz (365-386h)**, dinar, Atarabus 369h, 4.04g (Nicol 636), *ragged edge, very fine to good very fine and very rare* £700-1,000



50

**Fatimid, al-'Aziz (365-386h)**, dinar, Atarabus 377h, 4.10g (Nicol 643a, citing a single example), *rim kink and scraped on obverse, good fine and extremely rare* £700-1,000



51

**Fatimid, al-Hakim (386-411h)**, fractional dinar, Sur 393h, 1.66g (Nicol – [legends as type A1]), *very fine and of the highest rarity, apparently unpublished* £800-1,200



52

**Fatimid, al-Hakim (386-411h)**, dinar, Sur 401h, 3.36g (Nicol 1010, citing a single example), *fine and extremely rare* £700-1,000



53

**Fatimid, al-Zahir (411-427h)**, dinar, Misr 420h, with 'adl in centre both sides, 4.20g (Nicol 1524), *good very fine and very rare* £1,000-1,500



54

**Fatimid, al-Mustansir (427-487h)**, dinar, Sur 487h, 4.06g (Nicol 1952, citing a single example), *very fine and extremely rare* £700-1,000



‡55

**Julandid, Badr b. Khuttal**, dirham, Huzu 334h, rev., citing the caliph *al-Mustakfi billah*, 2.87g (Album A1586 RRR), *some weakness at mint-name, about very fine and extremely rare* £1,000-1,500



56

**Julandid, Abu Muttalib**, dirham, Tanah (?) 345h, 1.84g (Album 1586M), *cleaned, good fine and extremely rare* £700-1,000



57

**Mutawakkilite Imams of the Yemen, Ahmad b. Yahya (1367-1381h)**, gold riyal Ahmadi (4 sovereigns), Dar al-Khilafa San'a 1373h, rev., value '4' punched below third crescent, 31.91g (KM G17.1 [this type only listed for 1371 and 1372h]), edge damaged at top and bottom where a mount has been removed, otherwise very fine or better and very rare £1,800-2,200

Ex Spink auction 11009, 22-23 June 2011, lot 237.



58

**Kingdom of Syria, Faisal b. al-Hussain (1338h / 8 March - 24 July 1920m)**, dinar, no mint-name (struck at Damascus) 1338/1920m, crowned shield within wreath with inscription around and date below, rev., tughra within wreath, crown above, 6.73g (KM 67), coarsely struck with small inclusion in obverse field, small obverse die-flaw at 7 o'clock and evidence of machining on reverse die with parallel circles within wreath; minimal wear and retaining some lustre, about extremely fine for issue and extremely rare £10,000-15,000

The Arab Kingdom of Syria existed officially from 8 March - 24 July 1920 and this coin is one of very few to document Syria's brief experience of monarchy. Supported by British troops Faisal b. al-Hussain entered Damascus in October 1918 and announced the creation of an independent Arab constitutional government. However this provoked strong disagreement between the British and the French, which rumbled on throughout 1919 and into 1920. On 8 March 1920 the Syrian National Congress proclaimed Faisal as king of a Syria with boundaries which encompassed Lebanon and Palestine, an arrangement which France would not tolerate. The San Remo Conference gave France a mandate to govern Syria and, having crushed Syrian opposition at the Battle of Maysalun, French forces entered Damascus on 24 July. Syria and Lebanon came under French control while the British received a mandate to govern Palestine and Mosul.

Faisal himself was expelled from Syria and lived for a few months in England before being created king of Iraq in August 1921.



59

**Seljuq of Rum, Kayka'us, Qilij Arslan and Kayqubadh (647-657h)** dinar, mint not visible, dated 648h, obv., *la ilaha illa Allah | Muhammad rasul Allah | al-Imam al-Mustansir | billah bin [sic] amir al-mu'minin | MÖNGKE KHAN* (?in Uyghur), rev., *al-Sultan al-'azim | 'ala al-dunya wa'l-din Kaykawus | wa rukn al-dunya wa'l-din Fath Arslan | wa 'ala al-dunya wa'l-din Kayqubadh | [sanat] thaman wa arba'in [...]*, 4.32g, slightly clipped, otherwise good very fine and excessively rare, apparently unpublished £3,000-5,000

The epigraphy on this coin is slightly coarse, and the reading of the Uyghur legend as the name of Mongke Khan is plausible but not certain.



60

**Seljuq of Rum, Kayka'us, Qilij Arslan and Kayqubadh (647-657h)**, dinar, Qunya 652h, 4.53g (cf Broome 337 [dated 653h]), *die rust on obverse, good very fine and extremely rare* £2,500-3,000



61

**Seljuq of Rum, Kayka'us II (Second Reign)**, dinar, Qunya 657h, 4.29g (Broome 379 = Artuk 1141, same obverse die), *tiny nick at edge, almost extremely fine and extremely rare* £3,000-4,000



62

**Ottoman, Selim I (918-926h)**, sultani, Ruha 918h, 3.50g (cf Künker auction 231, lot 9173), *pierced, very fine and very rare* £800-1,200



63

**Ottoman, Murad III (982-1003h)**, sultani, Tunus 982h, 3.41g (Pere 283), *lightly clipped, otherwise very fine or better and very rare* £700-1,000



64

**Ottoman, Mustafa I (First Reign, 1031-1032h)**, sultani, Misr 1031h, 3.38g (Pere 379), *edge shaved, otherwise good very fine for issue and rare* £1,500-2,000

## Five coins of the Khazar Kingdom

The Khazar state emerged in the mid-seventh century from the collapse of the earlier Gokturk Khaganate, initially occupying region north of the Caucasus and between the Black and Caspian Seas was under Khazar control. Further expansion meant that by the 4/10th century a huge and strategically crucial area stretching from the Hungarian plains to the Aral Sea and the Ural mountains was under Khazar control or influence. Positioned between Byzantium and the Islamic world and blocking Islamic armies from sweeping into Eastern Europe, Khazaria was of crucial importance as a buffer state. Such was its significance that in the 4/10th century we hear that the Byzantine emperor would send letters to the Khaqan of Khazars bearing gold seals weighing three *solidi*; the Pope only merited seals of two *solidi* weight at this period!

Several important trade routes passed through Khazar lands also, and large quantities of Islamic silver coins - mostly Abbasid dirhams - flowed into the kingdom. Until the early 3/9th century it appears that these imported coins were sufficiently plentiful that the Khazars did not feel the need to issue coins of their own. But the supply of dirhams seems to have begun to dwindle around 210-220h/AD825-835, and it seems that the Khazars began to produce their own distinctive imitations of Abbasid dirhams at around this time to supplement the coinage stock.

The introduction of coinage coincided with another major event in Khazar history: the conversion of their rulers to Judaism in the year 223h. Many other faiths and religious practices were still tolerated afterwards, and it is hard to assess how far conversion extended beyond the elite, this religious distinctiveness helped Khazaria to retain its distinct cultural and political identity without being pulled into the orbit of one of the two great empires on its borders. This conversion is reflected in the new coins which the Khazars struck, and the pieces offered here include an example of the extremely rare issue naming Moses (lot 65), a dirham with the authentic date of the conversion and the mint-name 'Land of the Khazars' (lot 66) and a rare cut fragment bearing a tribal *tamgha* (lot 67), all of which have been assigned to the year 223h.

*Specialist reference:* Kovalev, R.K., 'What does historical numismatics suggest about the monetray history of Khazaria in the ninth century? - Question revisited,' *Archivum Eurasiae Medii Aevi* 13 (2004), pp.97-129.



65

**Khazar**, an imitation of an Abbasid dirham of 'Madinat al-Salam 163h', *obv.*, legends and annulets as Lowick 1231, *rev.*, *Muhammad sul* (sic) *Allah | sali Allah 'alayhi wa salam | al-khalifa al-Mahdi | Musa rasul Allah*, 2.61g (cf Lowick 1232; Kovalev p.114), *very fine/good very fine and extremely rare* £4,000-6,000

See also back cover illustration.



66

**Khazar**, dirham, Ard al-Khazar 223h, 2.75g (Kovalev p.113; Album J1481 RRR), *short test-cuts on both sides, some discolouration, otherwise very fine or better and extremely rare* £1,500-2,000



67

67  
**Khazar**, an imitation of an Abbasid dirham of al-Kufa 142h, similar to Lowick 1110 but with Khazar *tamgha* below obverse field, 1.45g (Kovalev p.114), *a fragment, cut to the weight of a contemporary penny, very fine and extremely rare* £250-350



68

**Khazar**, an imitation of an Abbasid dirham of al-Muhammadiya 188h, without *sanat* in mint/date formula and with mint-name slightly blundered, *rev.*, similar to Lowick 1881 but plain above, *Ja'far* below, 3.05g (Album K1481.1 RR), *test-cut on obverse, die crack evident on reverse, very fine and very rare* £800-1,200



69

69  
**Khazar**, an imitation of an Abbasid dirham of 'Madinat al-Salam 188h', without *sanat* in mint/date formula, 2.74g (Album K1481.1 RR), *with several characteristic short test-cuts on both sides, very fine and very rare* £800-1,200



<sup>‡</sup>70

**Samanid, Nasr b. Ahmad (301-331h)**, dinar, al-Shash 304h, *obv.*, with ornament above field and braided *lam-alifs*, *rev.*, annulets =o=oo=o=oo=o=oo=o=oo= around field, 4.39g (Bernardi 269Qf RRR = Kazan 970, same dies), *good very fine and extremely rare*

£600-800



71

**Buwayhid, Mu'izz al-dawla**, donative fractional dinar, without mint or date, *obv.*, in margin: *Muhammad rasul Allah sali Allah 'alayhi*; in field: *lillah | al-Muti' | lillah*, *rev.*, in margin: *la ilaha illa Allah wahdahu*; in field: *Mu'izz | al-dawla | Abu'l-Husayn*, 1.31g, *traces of mounting, fine or better and apparently unpublished*

£800-1,000



<sup>‡</sup>72

**Hasanwayhid, Badr b. Hasanwayh**, dinar, Sabur Khwast 397h, 4.63g (Album 1588 RR), *very fine to good very fine and rare*

£700-1,000



73

**Great Seljuq, Sanjar and Barkiyaruq (490-498h)**, dinar, Balkh 494h, *rev.*, with Ayat *al-Kursi* (Qur'an 2:255) as far as *dhal-ladhi yashfa'* in field, 3.77g (cf SNAT XIVc, 770 [dated 493h] and 1292 [incorrectly described as a coin of Walwaliz]), *some weak striking, about very fine and rare*

£700-1,000



74

**Great Seljuq, Sanjar and Muhammad I (492-511h)**, dinar, Walwalij 493h, month of Muharram, *rev.*, with Ayat *al-Kursi* (Qur'an 2:255) as far as *illa bi-idhnihüin* field, sword to right, 2.72g (cf Album 1685A RR, 'Balkh only'), *central weakness on both sides, very fine/almost very fine and extremely rare, apparently unpublished*

£1,200-1,500



75

**Great Seljuq, Sanjar (511-552h)**, dinar, Damaghan [5]21h, citing the caliph al-Mustarshid (512-529h), 4.66g, *almost very fine and extremely rare*

£800-1,200

The only dinar of Sanjar from Damaghan known to Diler lacked a legible date (see Sotheby's, 14 October 1999, lot 382, part)



<sup>‡</sup>76

**Batinite Rulers of Alamut, Muhammad b. Buzurgumid (532-557h)**, fractional dinar, Kursi al-Daylam 537h, 0.69g (Hamdan and Vardanyan 4), obverse weak, good fine/very fine, very rare £1,500-2,000



77

**Jalayrid, temp. Shaykh Uways I (757-776h)**, dinar, Baghdad 7(5)8h, 7.25g (Album T2297), some weak striking, otherwise good very fine and rare £1,000-1,500



78

**India, Mughal, Akbar (963-1014h; AD 1556-1604)**, mohur, Lahore, Ilahi year 47, month of Khurdad, 10.94g (cf. KM 114.6), good very fine and rare £2,000-3,000



79

**India, Sultans of Gujarat, Nasir al-Din Mahmud Shah (932h)**, gold tanka, 932h, 10.90g (GG G335 RRR, this coin illustrated), very fine and extremely rare £2,000-3,000



80

**Lead personal seal**, obv., nimbate bust facing wearing robes, rev., four-line Arabic legend possibly to be read as *billah | al-Marzuban (?) al-Qass | yathiq* (i.e. ‘Allah suffices al-Marzuban al-Qass’), 12.49g, with central channel still holding some original stringing, flan split on obverse, otherwise good very fine £1,000-1,500

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#81

**Arab-Sasanian, Samura b. Jundab,** drachm, DA (Darabjird), frozen year 43h, 3.86g (SICA 1, 244), *with light Arabic graffiti in second quadrant of reverse margin, very fine and scarce*

£150-200

85

**Arab-Sasanian, Qatari b. al-Fuja'a,** drachm, BYŞ (Bishapur) 75h, 3.75g (SICA 1, 193ff), *cleaned, some pitting where corrosion has been removed, good fine and rare*

£400-600



#82

**Arab-Sasanian, 'Umar b. 'Ubaydallah,** drachm, KRMAN (Kirman) 65h, 3.96g (SICA 1, 311), *some spotting, otherwise almost extremely fine and rare*

£300-400

#86

**Arab-Sasanian, Qatari b. al-Fuja'a,** drachm, TART (Tawwaj) 75h, obv., in margin: *la hukm illa lillah*, 3.85g (SCC 154), *cleaned, minor staining on reverse, better than very fine and rare*

£400-600



#83

**Arab-Sasanian, Humran b. Aban,** drachm, ART (Ardashir Khurra) 72h, 3.77g (SICA 1, 30), *generally very fine and very rare*

£500-700

87

**Arab-Sasanian, al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf,** drachm, BYŞ 79h, *with bismillah in obverse margin, 3.97g (Walker 237), fine and a rare variety*

£150-200



#84

**Arab-Sasanian, 'Abdallah b. Umayya,** drachm, SK (Sijistan) 75h, obv., in margin: *bismillah - al-'izza lillah*, 3.65g (SICA 1, -; SCC -; Album 30), *cleaned, almost very fine and rare*

£200-300

88

**Arab-Sasanian, al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf,** drachm, BYŞ 79h, *with bismillah in obverse margin, 3.67g (Walker 237), fine and a rare variety*

£150-200



89

**Arab-Sasanian, al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf**, drachm, BYŠ 8oh, with *lillah al-hamd* in obverse margin, 3.57g (SICA 1, 228), *small edge chip, otherwise very fine*

£120-150



‡93

**Arab-Sasanian, 'Umara b. Tamim**, drachm, SK (Sijistan) 84h, *obv.*, in margin: *bismillah - rabbi*, 4.17g (SICA 1, p.34, note 194; Album C40 RRR; Wilkes 57 'Extremely rare'), *good very fine, very rare*

£500-700



90

**Arab-Sasanian, 'Ubaydallah b. Abi Bakra**, drachm, SK (Sijistan) 79h, *obv.*, in margin: Pahlawi PL (?) – *bismillah - 'Ubaydallah lillah*, 3.96g (SICA 1, 368 var; cf Morton & Eden auction 64, 5 June 2013, lot 657), *slight central weakness, good very fine and cleaned, very rare*

£500-600

Most of 'Ubaydallah b. Abi Bakra's drachms have the conventional legend *bismillah - rabbi* in the obverse margin (see the following lot). This variety, which carries his name in Arabic, is a much rarer type.



‡94

**Arab-Sasanian, 'Umara b. Tamim**, drachm, SK (Sijistan) 85h, *obv.*, in margin: *bismillah - rabbi*, 3.86g (Gaube 104; Album C40 RRR; Wilkes 57 'Extremely rare'), *good very fine and extremely rare*

£600-800



95

**Arab-Sasanian**, AE pashiz, facing bust with flaming hair, traces of APZWT to left, traces of a proper name (?) to right, *rev.*, fire-altar with attendants, mint-signature to left and (unread) date to right, 0.25g, *good very fine and apparently unpublished*

£80-120

The mint-signature is possibly to be read as YZ for Yazd.



96

**Arab-Sasanian, 'Abdallah b. al-Zubayr**, AE pashiz, ST (Istakhr) 62h, Sasanian bust right with name before, *rev.*, fire-altar with attendants, 1.28g (Gyselen 63), *irregular flan, almost very fine and very rare*

£250-300



‡92

**Arab-Sasanian, 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, drachm, SK (Sijistan) 8oh, *obv.*, in margin: *Tash - bismillah - rabbi*, 3.99g, *light coppery tone on obverse, good very fine and apparently unpublished*

£800-1,200

The significance of 'Tash' named in the obverse margin, if this be the correct reading, is not known.



97

**Arab-Sasanian, Shurayk b. Harith**, AE pashiz, ST (Istakhr), facing Byzantine-style bust with large beard, unread Pahlawi inscriptions to right and left, *rev.*, in three lines: ST (in Pahlawi) | *Shurayk* | *b. Harith* (in Arabic), 1.55g (Gyselen 72), *good very fine*

£100-150



98

**Arab-Sasanian**, AE pashiz (2): ART (Ardashir Khurra), undated, bust of Khusraw II to right, rev., standing angel, 0.76g (Gyselen 103), *fine to good fine*; and without mint or date, janiform bust with unread legend around, rev., fire-altar and attendants, 1.00g (Gyselen -), *fine to good fine and rare* (2)

£150-200



103

**Arab-Byzantine**, pseudo-Byzantine fals, Imperial bust with unread legend to either side of head, rev., large M flanked by two standing figures, *in ex.*, blundered SCL (for Sicilia), 2.55g (cf SICA 1, 530; Foss 25; Oddy 6.25), *good fine/very fine, rare*

£200-300



99

**Arab-Sasanian, Mansur**, AE pashiz, ST (Istakhr) 8oh (?), bust right with name before, Pahlawi APD in third quadrant of obverse margin, rev., fire-altar without attendants, date and mint to left and right, 0.84g (Gyselen -), *good very fine and well-struck, rare*

£250-300



100

**Arab-Sasanian**, AE pashiz, ST (Istakhr), undated, Sasanian bust right, uncertain Pahlawi word before, rev., fire-altar without attendants, uncertain word (PRMAN?) to left, mint-signature to right, 1.05g (Gyselen -; Miles, Persepolis 171), *fine and rare*

£100-150



104

**Arab-Byzantine**, fals, Scytopolis, twin seated Imperial figures, SKVΩO – ΠΟΛΗC around, rev. large letter M with cross above and A below, ΑΙΝΟ – Κ II – NIKO to left, right and in exergue, 7.30g (SICA 1, 594), *good fine*

£150-200



105

**Arab-Byzantine**, fals, Tartus/Antarados, Imperial bust type, 4.65g (SICA 1, 599, same reverse die; Foss 79), *about very fine and rare*

£300-400



101

**Arab-Sasanian, Yusuf b. 'Umar (fl. 120-126h)**, AE pashiz, janiform bust, rev., kalima in three lines, 2.19g (Gyselen 125), *fair to fine, rare*

£80-120



106

**Arab-Byzantine**, fals, twin figures derived from Justin and Sophia, rev., large letter K with Baysan to left, 3.14g (Foss 85), *fair/good fine with clear reverse, rare*

£200-250



102

**Arab-Byzantine**, anepigraphic fals, 'pseudo-Damascus' mint, standing emperor holding cruciform sceptre and globus cruciger, rev., large cursive M with cross above, and wavy lines between and to left and right of uprights, pellets below ornate exergual line, 3.39g (Album 3522.1), *red patina, very fine to good very fine*

£100-150



107

**Arab-Byzantine**, fals, Tabariya, three Imperial figures, rev., large M with A below, THO to left, Qatari below, 2.56g (SICA 1, 592; Foss 88), *fair to fine with clear reverse, scarce*

£80-120



108

**Arab-Byzantine**, fals, 'Amman, twin seated Imperial figures, rev., large letter M with A below, 'Amman to left, 3.57g (SICA 1, p.83, type VIII), *about very fine and very rare* £300-500



109

**Arab-Byzantine**, fals, Iliya Filastin, standing caliph with *Muhammad – rasul Allah* to left and right, rev., cursive M with crescent above, *Iliya* (upwards) – *Filastin* (downwards) to left and right, 2.99g (Walker p.23, 78), *almost very fine* £150-200



110

**Arab-Byzantine**, fals, 'Amman, standing caliph with titles *amir al-mu'minin* and *khalifat Allah* to left and right, rev., modified cross-on-steps with star to left and 'Amman to right, 3.02g (Foss 107), *very fine* £120-150



111

**Arab-Byzantine**, fals, Ma'arrat Misrin, standing caliph with title *khalifat Allah*, rev., modified cross-on-steps with mint-name to left and right, 2.09g (SICA 1, 674ff), *fine* £100-150



112

**Arab-Byzantine**, fals, Manbij, standing caliph with titles *amir al-mu'minin* and *khalifat Allah* to left and right, rev., modified cross-on-steps with *wafin* to left and *Manbij* to right, 3.61g (Walker 102, same dies), *very fine or better and attractively patinated, rare* £200-300



113

**Arab-Byzantine**, 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan, fals, without mint-name, standing caliph, rev., modified cross-on-steps with *la billah* to left and *wafin* to right, 1.70g, *fair to fine and unusual* £100-150



114

**Arab-Byzantine**, 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan, fals, Tanukh, rev., modified cross-on-steps with *bi-Tanukh* to right, 4.51g (SICA 1, 656), struck on a small, dumpy flan, *very fine and scarce with mint to right* £120-150



115

**Arab-Byzantine**, 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan, fals, Hims, standing caliph, rev., modified cross-on-steps with *bi-Hims* to right, 3.58g (Foss 111), *very fine and evenly struck* £150-200



116

**Arab-Byzantine**, 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan, fals, Dimashq, standing caliph, rev., *bismillah la ilaha illa Allah Muhammad rasul Allah*, modified cross-on-steps with *Dimashq* to right, 4.35g (Walker 121 var.), *very fine* £150-200



117

**Arab-Byzantine**, 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan, fals, Tabar (for Tabariya), standing caliph, rev., modified cross-on-steps with *bi-Tabar* to left and *wafin* to right, 2.61g (cf Morton & Eden auction 73, 23 April 2015, lot 4), *good fine/very fine with clear mint-name, very rare* £1,000-1,500



118

**Arab-Byzantine, 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan**, fals, Qurus, standing caliph, rev., modified cross-on-steps with *wafin* to left and mint-name to right, 3.18g (Walker p.40, J.2), *fine to good fine and rare*

£300-400



123

**Abbasid governors of Tabaristan, Ma'add (fl. 173h)**, hemidrachm, TPWRSTAN PYE 138, obv., APZWT before bust governor's name in Arabic in fourth quadrant of obverse margin, 1.94g (Malek 201; Album 67 RR), *very fine, rare*

£400-600



119

**Arab-Byzantine, 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan**, fals, unread mint, standing caliph with name and titles, rev., modified cross-on-steps with unread mint-name to left and star to right, 3.93g (cf Walker p.41, P.10), *good fine, reverse better, rare*

£100-150



124

**Abbasid governors of Tabaristan, Ibrahim (fl. 174-176h)**, hemidrachm, TPWRSTAN PYE 141, 2.15g (Malek 140; Album 72), *weakly struck on face, good very fine and scarce*

£150-200



120

**Arab-Byzantine, 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan**, fals, unread mint, standing caliph, rev., modified cross-on-steps with *wafin* to left and mint-name to right, 2.85g (Walker p.41, T.2, same obverse die), *almost very fine and rare*

£200-300



‡125

**Arab-Khwarezm, al-Fadl b. Sahl**, hemidrachm, without mint or date, bust right, rev., horseman to right with *Dhu'l-Riyasatayn* behind (Wilkes 99), 1.82g, *fine and rare*

£150-200



126

**Umayyad**, dinar, 98h, 4.25g (Walker 213), *some deposit, almost extremely fine*

£300-350



‡121

**Abbasid governors of Tabaristan, 'Umar b. al-'Ala (155-165h)**, hemidrachm, TPWRSTAN PYE 125, obv., governor's name in Pahlawi before bust and in Arabic in margin, 2.01g (Malek 77; Album 57 R), *virtually as struck with some lustre, rare*

£250-300



127

**Umayyad**, dirham, Ifriqiya 110h, obv., annulets o o o o o, 2.81g (Klat 97.b), *lightly clipped, very fine and the rarer variety of this scarce date*

£300-400



122

**Abbasid governors of Tabaristan, Harashi (fl. 166h)**, hemidrachm, TPWRSTAN PYE 131, with *Harashi* to right of bust, 1.69g (Malek 91; Album 61 RR), *edge slightly ragged, very fine and rare*

£150-200



128  
**Umayyad**, dirham, Ifriqiya 117h, 2.84g (Klat 104), *very fine*  
£200-250



133  
**Umayyad**, dirham, al-Basra 79h, 2.70g (Klat 168), *better than very fine*  
£150-200



129  
**Umayyad**, dirham, al-Andalus 118h, 2.42g (Klat 131), *lightly clipped, good very fine and rare*  
£400-600



134  
**Umayyad**, dirham, al-Basra 128h, 2.70g (Klat 175), *very fine and scarce*  
£120-150

Ex St James's Auction 34, 21 September 2015, lot 586.

Ex Morton and Eden auction 49, 9 June 2011, lot 464.



‡130  
**Umayyad**, dirham, Abrashahr 95h, rev., margin ends *al-mushrikn*, 2.79g (Klat 9.a), *good very fine*  
£120-150



135  
**Umayyad**, dirham, al-Jazira 128h, 2.89g (Klat 224), *lightly toned, about extremely fine*  
£150-200



131  
**Umayyad**, dirham, al-Bab 122h, 2.78g (Klat 149), *some spotting on obverse, otherwise good very fine and a very rare date*  
£400-600



136  
**Umayyad**, dirham, Sijistan 93h, 2.91g (Klat 435), *light deposit, about extremely fine*  
£100-150



‡132  
**Umayyad**, dirham, al-Bab 128h, 2.89g (Klat 154), *almost extremely fine, rare*  
£500-700



137  
**Umayyad**, dirham, Sarakhs 94h, rev., margin ends *mushrikun*, 2.73g (Klat 454.b), *good fine*  
£150-200



138

**Umayyad**, dirham, Sarakhs 95h, rev., margin ends *mushrikun*, 2.80g (Klat 455.b), *almost very fine* £200-250



139

**Umayyad**, dirham, al-Kufa 81h, 2.82g (Klat 542), *some staining, otherwise better than very fine* £150-200



140

**Umayyad**, dirham, al-Mubarka 108h, 2.78g (Klat 571), *about very fine* £100-120



‡141

**Umayyad**, dirham, Wasit 84h, 2.81g (Klat 679), *very fine to good very fine, the scarce first year of issue* £150-200



142

**Umayyad**, dirham, Wasit 96h, North African type with star in reverse field, 2.63g (cf Klat 690.b), *fine to good fine and rare* £150-200



143

**Umayyad**, fals, rev., horseman riding right, star in left field, pellet below horse's foreleg, 3.66g (Walker 674; Album 155 RR), *good fine and a rare type* £150-200



144

**Umayyad**, fals, obv., ja'iz, rev., sittin | bi-dirham, 1.07g (Album P206), *green patina, good very fine and scarce* £100-150



145

**Umayyad**, fals, Arminiya, citing *Ishaq b. Muslim*, 1.87g (Walker 748), *fine to good fine* £100-150



146

**Umayyad**, fals, Iliya, 2.20g (SNAT IVa, 7-14), *fine to good fine* £100-150



147

**Umayyad**, fals, Jerash, undated, 3.77g (Walker -; SNAT IVa, 277), *about very fine and extremely rare* £400-600



148

**Umayyad**, fals, Saffuriya, undated, mint-name rendered *Saffuriya* (with an additional 'i'), 3.61g (Walker 884a), *minor flan fault, almost very fine and rare* £150-200



149  
**Umayyad**, fals, Quraysh, undated, 4.02g (Walker -; Album A185 RRR), *very fine and evenly struck, very rare* £400-600



155  
**Revolutionary Period, temp. Abu Muslim**, dirham, Marw 133h, 2.88g (Klat 607; Wurtzel 27), *very fine* £300-400



150  
**Umayyad**, fals, al-Mubaraka, lion walking right, rev., *bismillah | duriba | bi'l-Mubaraka | sittin bi'l-dirham*, 1.70g (Album C204.1 RRR), *fine to good fine and extremely rare* £200-300



<sup>‡</sup>151  
**Umayyad**, fals, Ma'arrat Misrin, undated, 4.16g (Walker B.57), *good very fine, rare thus* £150-200



152  
**Revolutionary Period**, dirham, al-Kufa 128h, with *la hukm illa lillah* in obverse margin, 2.91g (Klat 548.b; Wurtzel 28), *toned, very fine* £150-200



153  
**Revolutionary Period, temp. 'Abdallah b. Mu'awiya**, dirham, Jayy 128h, 2.88g (Klat 269; Wurtzel 2), *minor obverse staining, about very fine* £250-300



<sup>‡</sup>154  
**Revolutionary Period, temp. 'Abdallah b. Mu'awiya**, dirham, Mahay 129h, 2.73g (Klat 567.b1; Wurtzel 9), *toned, almost very fine and rare* £300-400



156  
**Revolutionary Period, Abu Muslim**, fals, al-Rayy 131h, 1.55g (Wurtzel 35; Miles 38B), *very fine or better and very rare* £400-600



157  
**Abbasid, temp. al-Saffah (132-136h)**, dirham, al-Sus 134h (Lowick 2025; SCC -), *very fine, rare* £300-400



158  
**Abbasid, temp. al-Saffah (132-136h)**, dirham, Suq al-Ahwaz 134h, 2.86g (Lowick 2021), *about very fine, rare* £200-300



159  
**Abbasid, temp. al-Mansur (136-158h)**, dirham, Junday Sabur 138h, 2.89g (Lowick 2016), *good very fine and scarce* £150-200



160  
**Abbasid, temp. al-Mansur (136-158h)**, dirham, Junday Sabur 140h, 2.93g (Lowick 2017), *good very fine and rare* £400-500

The last date when the mint of Junday Sabur struck silver dirhams.



161

**Abbasid, temp. al-Mansur (136-158h)**, dirham, Madinat al-Salam 146h, 2.74g (Lowick 1161), traces of chloride deposit and some graffiti, almost very fine and toned, the first year of issue from the mint of Baghdad

£200-250



166

**Abbasid, temp. al-Mansur (136-158h)**, fals, al-Muhammadiya 155h, rev., citing *al-Mahdi Muhammad* as heir, 4.81g (Miles 57B; Shamma p.206, 8), minor faults on reverse, almost very fine

£100-150



162

**Abbasid, temp. al-Mansur (136-158h)**, fals, Antakiya 157h, 2.93g (Shamma p.109, 1), good very fine and an exceptional specimen, rare thus

£250-300



167

**Abbasid, temp. al-Mahdi (158-169h)**, fals, Kurat al-Mahdiya min Fars 161h, 2.18g (Shamma p.277, 1), some spotting and accretion, fine and rare

£80-120



163

**Abbasid, temp. al-Mansur (136-158h)**, fals, Barda'a 143h, obv., citing *Yazid b. Usayd* in margin, 1.72g (Vardanyan 245), about very fine with very clear reverse, very rare

£250-300



‡168

**Abbasid, al-Mahdi (158-169h)**, fals, Nasaf 159h, obv., in margin: mint and date; in field: horse walking left, uncertain symbol above, rev., in margin: *mimma amr bihi al-'...Allah...al-Mahdi*; in field: *Muhammad | rasul Allah*, 2.50g (Nastich p.26, fig 23, this piece), grey-green patination, about very fine and extremely rare

£700-1,000



‡164

**Abbasid, temp. al-Mansur (136-158h)**, fals, Balkh 149h, rev., *mimma amr Harb bin Ziyad al-Mahdi wali ahad al-muslimin Muhammad bin Amir al-mu'minin*, 3.05g (Shamma p.308, 3), very fine and very rare

£180-220



169

**Abbasid, temp. al-Hadi (169-170h)**, dinar, 169h, rev., letter *dal* above (possibly for the governor *Da'ud?*), 4.18g (Bernardi 57 RR), minor marks, about very fine and rare

£300-400



165

**Abbasid, temp. al-Mansur (136-158h)**, fals, [Sijistan] 151h, with central hole as on contemporary Chinese cash, 6.47g (Shamma p.289, 4), fair to fine and rare

£150-200



170

**Abbasid, al-Hadi (169-170h)**, dirham, Harunabad 169h, rev., citing *Harun* as heir and governor *Hasan*, provincial name *Arminiya* above, 2.80g (Vardanyan 187), cleaned with some hoard-staining remaining, very fine

£80-120



171

**Abbasid, al-Hadi (169-170h)**, dirham, Haruniya 170h, rev., citing *Harun* as heir and *Ibrahim* and *Jarir*, 2.99g (Vardanyan 191), *toned, very fine*

£80-120



177

**Abbasid, al-Rashid (170-193h)**, dirham, Arran 191h, rev., citing *Khuzayma*, letter 'ayn below, 2.69g (cf Vardanyan 143 [dated 190h]), cleaned but better than *very fine* and apparently an unpublished variety

£200-250



172

**Abbasid, al-Hadi (169-170H)**, fals, al-Haruniya 169h, obv., with triple annulets in margin, rev., citing *Khuzayma b. Khazim* in margin and *al-khalifa al-Hadi* in field, 2.85g (Vardanyan 259; Bonner 5), *good fine and extremely rare*

£300-400



178

**Abbasid, temp. al-Rashid (170-193h)**, dirham, Arminiya 191h, rev., citing *Khuzayma b. Khazim* and *Isma'il b. Ibrahim*, 2.94g (Vardanyan 69; Lowick 732), *about extremely fine*

£200-250



173

**Abbasid, temp. al-Rashid (170-193h)**, dinar, 170h, rev., letter 'ayn above (possibly for 'Ali b. Sulayman, governor in Egypt), 4.21g (Bernardi 62 RR), *flan slightly bent, very fine and scarce*

£200-250



179

**Abbasid, temp. al-Rashid (170-193h)**, dirham, Arminiya 191h, rev., citing *Khuzayma b. Khazim* and *Nu'aym b. Bishar*, 2.90g (Vardanyan 70; Lowick 731), *almost extremely fine*

£200-250



174

**Abbasid, al-Rashid (170-193h)**, dinar, 171h, rev., in second and third lines of field: *mimma amr bihi 'Abdallah | Harun amir al-mu'minin*, 3.36g (Bernardi 58.b), *clipped, fair to fine and rare*

£800-1,200



180

**Abbasid, temp. al-Rashid (170-193h)**, half-dirham, San'a 180h, rev., citing *'Abdallah bin al-Mus'ab*, 1.25g (Lowick 543), *clipped, fine to good fine and rare*

£300-400



175

**Abbasid, temp. al-Rashid (170-193h)**, dinar, 190h, rev., with *lil-khalifa* below, 4.25g (Bernardi 73), *very fine or better*

£150-200



181

**Abbasid, al-Rashid (170-193h)**, dirham, Ma'din Bajunays 191h, rev., citing *Umm Jafar* and *Da'ud*, 2.90g (Vardanyan 203), *good very fine and well struck, rare thus*

£250-300



176

**Abbasid, al-Rashid (170-193h)**, dirham, Arran 188h, citing *Khuzayma b. Khazim*, 3.00g (Vardanyan 137), *some chloride deposit, about very fine*

£120-150



182

**Abbasid, temp. al-Rashid (170-193h)**, fals, Madinat Jayy 172h, rev., citing *al-Rabi' ibn 'Abd... al-Miskin (?)*, 4.26g, good very fine and apparently unpublished

£400-600



188

**Abbasid, al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dirham, Madinat Zaranj 205h, citing *Ghassan* and *'Ayan b. Harthama*, 2.92g (Lowick 2490), obverse stained and with pinmarks from inexpert cleaning, otherwise very fine and rare

£150-200

Ex St James's Auctions sale 19, 3 October 2011, lot 1636.



183

**Abbasid, al-Amin (193-198h)**, dinar, 197h, rev., *rabbi Allah | al-Amin*, 4.12g (Bernardi 80 RR), wavy flan and some pinmarks in fields, otherwise very fine and rare

£400-600



184

**Abbasid, temp. al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dinar, Misr 200h, obv., citing *Sulayman*, rev., citing *lillah Tahir | Dhu'l-Yaminayn*, 4.00g (Bernardi 88De RR), fine, rare

£200-250



189

**Abbasid, al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dirham, Samarkand 202h, rev., citing the Shi'ite *al-Rida* as heir, 2.73g (Lowick 2678), very fine, rare

£300-400



185

**Abbasid, temp. al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dinar, Misr 217h, 4.19g (Bernardi 116De), good very fine

£250-300



186

**Abbasid, al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dirham, Madinat Isbahan 204h, rev., citing the Shi'ite *al-Rida* as heir, letter *sin* below, 2.96g (Lowick 1538), margins weak, good very fine

£300-400



191

**Abbasid, al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dirham, Ma'din Bajunays 203h, rev., citing *Ibrahim b. Radad*, four annulets in pelleted border within marginal legend, 2.72g (Vardanyan 220), about very fine and rare

£200-250



187

**Abbasid, temp. al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dirham, al-Basra 204h, 2.81g (Lowick 1075), light deposit on reverse, very fine and scarce

£100-150



192

**Abbasid, al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dirham, al-Muhammadiya 202h, citing the Shi'ite *al-Rida* as heir, 2.93g (Lowick 1964), some deposit, good very fine

£300-400



193  
**Abbasid, temp. al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dirham, Madinat al-Salam 218h, 2.91g (SCC 1225), *very fine* £80-120



199  
**Abbasid, al-Mu'tasim (218-227h)**, dirham, Marw 226h, 2.85g (SICA 4, -; SCC -; Ties. -), *almost very fine and rare* £100-150



194  
**Abbasid, temp. al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dirham, Misr 217h, reform type with double margin on obverse, 2.93g (Lowick 526), *buckled flan, fine and scarce* £150-200



200  
**Abbasid, al-Mu'tasim (218-227h)**, lead token, value 'twenty-four', obv., in field: *arbat | 'ashrin*; in margin: ...*lisanat ithnayn wa 'ashrin* [...], rev., in field: *Ahmad | ibn Isa*; in margin: ...*Jal-Mu'tasim billah amir al-mu'minin*, 7.20g, *good very fine and rare* £300-500



195  
**Abbasid, temp. al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, fals, Fars 205h, citing Mansur, 1.58g (Miles, *Persepolis* 553), *fine* £80-120



201  
**Abbasid, al-Wathiq (227-232h)**, dinar, San'a 232h, obv., citing *Ja'far* (governor in the Yemen) and with uncertain word after century of date, 2.03g (Bernardi 154El, *this piece cited*; SICA 10, 230), *clipped and with graffiti in reverse field, very fine and rare* £300-400



196  
**Abbasid, al-Mu'tasim (218-227h)**, dinar, Madinat al-Salam 219h, 4.21g (Bernardi 151Jh), *good very fine* £280-320



202  
**Abbasid, al-Wathiq (227-232h)**, dinar, Madinat al-Salam 229h, 4.27g (Bernardi 152Jh), *good very fine* £280-320



197  
**Abbasid, al-Mu'tasim (218-227h)**, dinar, Misr 222h, 3.95g (Bernardi 151De), *edge clip, fine* £120-150



203  
**Abbasid, al-Wathiq (227-232h)**, dinar, Madinat al-Salam 230h, 4.29g (Bernardi 152Jh), *very fine to good very fine* £250-300



198  
**Abbasid, al-Mu'tasim (218-227h)**, dinar, Misr 223h, 4.20g (Bernardi 151De), *very fine to good very fine* £250-300



204

**Abbasid, al-Wathiq (227-232h)**, dinar, Marw 227h, 4.27g (Bernardi 152Ph RRR), *some weakness in margins but good very fine and rare*

£700-1,000



210

**Abbasid, al-Mutawakkil (232-247h)**, dinar, Misr 238h, *obv., citing Abu 'Abdallah as heir, almost extremely fine*

£300-350



205

**Abbasid, al-Wathiq (227-232h)**, dinar, Misr 232h, 4.01g (Bernardi 152De), *edge shaved, very fine to good very fine, scarce*

£250-300



211

**Abbasid, al-Mutawakkil (232-247h)**, dirham, Madinat al-Mutawakkiliya 247h, 2.80g (SCC 1285; SICA 4, 1369ff), *almost very fine, a one-year issue*

£150-200



206

**Abbasid, al-Wathiq (227-232h)**, dirham, Surra man ra'a 230h, 2.90g (SCC -; SICA 4, 429), *some hoard-staining, otherwise very fine and scarce*

£70-100



212

**Abbasid, al-Muntasir (247-248h)**, dirham, Surra man ra'a 248h, 2.92g (Album 232; SICA 4, 454), *fair to fine, rare*

£200-250



207

**Abbasid, al-Mutawakkil (232-247h)**, dinar, al-Basra 245h, 3.89g (Bernardi 158Je), *clipped, obverse weakly struck, very fine and scarce*

£250-300



213

**Abbasid, al-Musta'in (248-251h)**, dinar, Samarkand 248h, without name of heir, 4.24g (Bernardi 160Qe RR), *good fine and rare*

£400-500



208

**Abbasid, al-Mutawakkil (232-247h)**, dinar, al-Muhammadiya 234h, 4.21g (Bernardi 155Mh), *minor weakness, almost very fine and rare*

£400-600



214

**Abbasid, al-Musta'in (248-251h)**, dinar, al-Shash 248h, without name of heir, 4.17g (Bernardi 160Qf RR), *fair to fine*

£200-300



209

**Abbasid, al-Mutawakkil (232-247h)**, dinar, Misr 235h, without name of heir, 4.10g (Bernardi 155De), *good very fine*

£250-300



215

**Abbasid, al-Musta'in (248-251h)**, dinar, al-Shash 251h, 3.96g (Bernardi 161Qf), *fair*

£100-120



216  
**Abbasid, al-Musta'in (248-251h)**, dinar, al-Muhammadiya 248h, without name of heir, 4.14g (Bernardi 160Mh; Miles -), *good fine and very rare* £1,200-1,500



221  
**Abbasid, al-Mu'tazz (251-255h)**, dinar, al-Basra 252h, 4.24g (Bernardi 162Je), *fair to fine, rare* £300-400



217  
**Abbasid, al-Musta'in (248-251h)**, dinar, Marw 249h, obv., citing *al-'Abbas bin | Amir al-Mu'minin*, 4.25g (Bernardi 161Ph RR), *some deposit, fine to good fine and rare* £300-400



222  
**Abbasid, al-Mu'tazz (251-255h)**, dirham, Isbahan 253h, 2.97g (SICA 4, 67), *about very fine and rare* £80-120



218  
**Abbasid, al-Musta'in (248-251h)**, dinar, Marw 250h, 4.19g (Bernardi 161Ph RR), *some die rust, almost very fine and rare* £300-400



223  
**Abbasid, al-Muhtadi (255-256h)**, plated dinar, Surra man ra'a 255h, 3.72g (cf Bernardi 185Jc), *a contemporary forgery in base metal with almost all gilding remaining, edge split but almost very fine, rare and unusual* £300-500



219  
**Abbasid, al-Musta'in/al-Mutawakkil**, mule dinar, Marw 251h, obv., as Bernardi 161ph, citing *al-'Abbas bin | amir al-mu'minin*, rev., as Bernardi 158Ph, citing the caliph al-Mutawakkil, 4.13g, *about very fine, very rare and unusual* £400-600



224  
**Abbasid, al-Muhtadi (255-256h)**, dirham, Surra man ra'a 256h, (SICA 4, 477, same obverse die), *small flan split and some die rust, almost very fine and rare* £300-400



220  
**Abbasid, al-Musta'in (248-251h)**, lead token, value 'twelve', obv., in field: *ithna 'ashr | Ahmad ibn | Husayn (?)*; in margin: *sanat thaman wa arba'in wa mi'atayn*, rev., in field: *ibn | 'Abdallah*; in margin: [...] *dirham (?) al-Musta'in billah* [...], 7.12g, *very fine* £300-500



225  
**Abbasid, al-Mu'tamid (256-279h)**, dinar, al-Rafqa 263h, obv., citing *al-Mufawwad ala-'llah*, 4.12g (Bernardi 175Hn, citing two examples of this date), *good very fine, rare* £400-600



226  
**Abbasid, al-Mu'tamid (256-279h)**, dinar, Surra man ra'a 261h, rev., plain below, 4.05g (Bernardi 173Jc RR), *some weak striking, good fine and scarce* £300-400



<sup>‡</sup>227

**Abbasid, al-Mu'tamid (256-279h)**, dinar, Samarkand 276h, obv., citing *al-Muwaffaq billah*, 4.25g (Bernardi 177Qe), *a crude striking with excess metal on reverse, very fine for issue and scarce* £300-400



232

**Abbasid, al-Mu'tadid (279-289h)**, dirham, Ra's al-'Ayn 283h, 2.91g (SCC -; SICA 4, 337), *obverse double struck, some deposit, otherwise very fine and toned, scarce* £50-70



228

**Abbasid, al-Mu'tamid (256-279h)**, dinar, San'a 258h, 2.96g (Bernardi 172El), *very faint edge marks, otherwise extremely fine* £300-400



233

**Abbasid, al-Muktafi (289-295h)**, dirham, Misr 292h, 2.65g (SCC 1443), *some staining, good fine* £150-200



229

**Abbasid, al-Mu'tamid (256-279h)**, dinar, San'a 278h, obv., citing the heir *al-Mu'tadid*, rev., citing the caliph *al-Mu'tamid*, 2.83g (Bernardi 187El [only listed for 279h]; cf Spink auction 6018, 26 September 2006, lot 923, same dies), *good very fine and scarce* £200-300



234

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, al-Ahwaz 320h, rev., citing *'Amid al-dawla*, 3.61g (Bernardi 243Nd), *almost extremely fine* £180-220



230

**Abbasid, al-Mu'tamid (256-279h)**, dinar, San'a 278h, obv., citing the heir *al-Mu'tadid*, rev., citing the caliph *al-Mu'tamid*, 2.92g (Bernardi 187El [only listed for 279h]), *better than very fine and scarce* £200-300



235

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, contemporary imitation of a dinar, San'a 311h, 1.19g (cf Bernardi 241El; Zeno 89780, *this piece*), *very fine* £150-200

Ex Spink auction 1011, 30 September 2010, lot 508.



231

**Abbasid, al-Mu'tadid (279-289h)**, dirham, San'a 283h, 2.96g (Bernardi 211El), *slightly buckled flan, good very fine* £200-250



236

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, al-Karaj 308h, 3.21g (Bernardi 242Jf RR), *margins weakly struck but very fine for issue and rare* £300-400

Ex 'Khalifa' Collection, Spink, 26 March 2014, lot 132.



237

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, al-Karaj 314h, 5.69g (Bernardi 242Jf RR, *this coin cited*), *some marginal weakness on both sides, otherwise very fine and rare*

£400-500

Ex Sotheby's, 10 April 1992, lot 352 (part).



238

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, al-Karaj 318h, 3.36g (Bernardi 242Jf RR), *about very fine*

£200-300



239

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, Mah al-Basra 315h, 4.27g (Bernardi 242Mq), *almost very fine*

£200-300



240

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, Mah al-Basra 317h, 4.61g (Bernardi 242Mq), *light crease, about very fine*

£180-220



241

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, Mah al-Kufa 318h, 3.08g (Bernardi 242Mr), *fine*

£180-220



242

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, Madinat al-Salam 305h, *rev., with letter ha below, 4.52g (Bernardi 242Jh), very fine to good very fine*

£200-250



243

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dinar, Hamadhan 313h, *rev., triplet of pellets below, 4.28g (Bernardi 242Mu), very fine or better*

£200-300



244

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Arrajan 311h, 2.91g, *broad flan, some marginal weakness but very fine and toned, rare*

£80-120



245

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Amid 300h, 4.43g, *some weak striking, fine to good fine and of unusually heavy weight*

£100-150



246

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Amid 302h, 3.35g, *margins weak, almost very fine for issue and rare*

£80-120



247

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Antakiya 320h, rev., citing 'Amid al-dawla, 3.41g (SICA 4, 94-95), *fine and toned, rare*

£150-200

Ex ICA 16, lot 327.



248

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Halab 308h, 3.15g (SICA 4, 296, *same obverse die*), *very fine*

£100-150



249

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Hims 320h, rev., citing 'Amid al-dawla, 3.75g (Qatar I, 2141, 'unpublished'), *fine and rare*

£150-200



250

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, al-Rafqa 298h, *obv.*, citing the heir Abū'l-'Abbas, 4.74g (Qatar 2146), *almost very fine and scarce*

£80-120



251

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, al-Rahba 310h, 3.55g (Diler p. 609), *fine to good fine, scarce*

£100-150



252

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Sijistan 302h, 2.96g (SICA 4, 422; Lloyd SJ302A), *crude striking, fine to good fine for issue and scarce*

£60-80



253

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Tarsus 307h, 3.40g (cf SICA 4, 674 [308h]), *irregular flan, almost very fine and rare*

£200-250



254

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, heavy dirham, Tarsus 317h, 5.40g (Diler p.830, apparently citing a specimen in the ANS), *some weak striking, generally fine and rare*

£250-300



255

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Mah al-Basra 29xh (possibly 299h), 2.58g, *weak at date, fine to good fine and a rare Abbasid silver mint*

£70-100



256

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Mah al-Kufa 317h, 3.33g (SCC 1652), *toned, very fine to good very fine and scarce*

£70-100



257

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, Madinat al-Salam 319h, rev., citing *Amid al-dawla*, 3.90g (Album 249 '320 only'), obverse weak and with hoard-staining, thus fair to fine; reverse with some encrustation at margin but generally very fine, extremely rare

£500-600

The vizier 'Amid al-dawla was routinely cited on al-Muqtadir's coinage in the year 320h, but coins of the year 319h bearing his name are exceedingly rare. Album's Checklist records the type for 320h only.



258

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, al-Masisa 308h, 2.61g (SICA 4, 1558), cleaned, fine and rare

£200-250



259

**Abbasid, al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, dirham, al-Masisa 311h, 3.00g, generally very fine and apparently unpublished

£250-300



260

**Abbasid, temp. al-Muqtadir (295-320h)**, Thamal al-Dulafi, Governor of Cilicia (fl. 310-320h), cast fals, undated, rev., *al-amir Thamal* in two lines, 1.53g (Album 300), very fine or better, rare

£100-150



261

**Abbasid, al-Qahir (320-322h)**, dinar, Hamadhan 321h, without name of heir, 3.85g (Bernardi 275Mu RRR, this piece cited), crudely struck, fine only but very rare

£200-300

Ex Morton & Eden auction 17, 13 December 2005, lot 755.



262

**Abbasid, al-Qahir (320-322h)**, dirham, al-Mawsil 320h, type with name of caliph only, 3.00g (Album 251.1), on a broad flan, some marginal weakness and also peripheral staining, good fine and rare

£150-200



263

**Abbasid, al-Radi (322-329h)**, dinar, Mah al-Basra 324h, obv., unread letters above and below field, 3.13g (Bernardi 285Mq, this piece), an uneven striking, good fine and extremely rare

£700-1,000

Ex ICA 10, 20 July 2005, lot 136



264

**Abbasid, al-Radi (322-329h)**, dinar, Mah al-Basra 326h, obv., pellet and crescent above, rev., pellet below, 2.68g (Bernardi 285Mq RRR), very fine and rare

£400-500

Ex Morton & Eden auction 20, 27 June 2006, lot 70.



265

**Abbasid, al-Radi (322-329h)**, dinar, Mah al-Kufa 324h, obv., letter *waw* below, rev., letter *nun* below, 3.64g (Bernardi 285Mr, this piece cited), wavy flan and some weak striking, good fine

£200-300

Ex Peus auction 392, 4 May 2007, lot 4745.



266

**Abbasid, al-Radi (322-329h)**, dinar, Mah al-Kufa 326h, obv., letter *ayn* above, 3.37g (Bernardi 285Mr, this piece cited), very fine and rare

£400-500

Ex Peus auction 386, 26 April 2006, lot 1044.



267

**Abbasid, al-Radi (322-329h)**, dinar, Mah al-Kufa 327h, 3.35g (Bernardi 285Mr, *this piece cited*), flan crack and some central weakness, very fine and scarce

£300-400

Ex Gorny &amp; Mosch auction 148, 8 March 2006, lot 4568.



273

**Abbasid, al-Mustakfi (333-334h)**, amiri dinar, San'a (3)34h, 1.85g (Bernardi 340El), some die rust, almost extremely fine and rare

£400-600

Ex Spink auction 15005, 15 July 2015, lot 127.



268

**Abbasid, al-Radi (322-329h)**, dirham, Isbahan 326h, 2.97g (SCC 1703, *same obverse die*), about very fine and rare

£100-150



269

**Abbasid, al-Radi (322-329h)**, dirham, Antakiya 328h, rev., citing the heir Abu'l-Fadl, 2.34g (SICA 4, 97-98), good fine and rare

£150-200



270

**Abbasid, al-Radi (322-329h)**, dirham, Hims 322h, 2.86g (SICA 4, 308), some weak striking, otherwise almost very fine and rare

£120-150



271

**Abbasid, al-Radi (322-329h)**, dirham, Tarsus 323h, 3.11g (Diler p.830), unevenly struck, about fine and rare

£150-200



272

**Abbasid, al-Radi (322-329h)**, dirham, al-Masisa 328h, 2.56g (Diler p.1190), some weak areas, fine and rare

£180-220



274

**Abbasid, al-Mustakfi (333-334h)**, dirham, Antakiya 333h, obv., citing *al-Muzaffar | Abu'l-Wafa*, 2.61g (Album 264; Bikhazi, *Hamdanids* 106-107), some weak striking and edge split, fine and very rare

£200-250



275

**Abbasid, al-Mustakfi (333-334h)**, dirham, Madinat al-Salam 333h, obv., citing the chief amir as *al-Muzaffar Abu'l-Wafa*, 3.14g (SICA 4, 1200; Album 264), very fine and scarce

£70-100



276

**Abbasid, al-Mustakfi (333-334h)**, dirham, Madinat al-Salam 334h, citing heir *Abu'l-Hasan Muhammad*, 3.33g (SICA 4, 1203; Album 263), very fine and rare, the last date for dirhams of Baghdad before the coming of the Buywahids

£100-150



‡277

**Abbasid, al-Mustazhir (487-512h)**, dinar, Madinat al-Salam 491h, 4.24g (Jafar A.MS.491; Album B266 RRR; Wilkes 464), flan crease and some weakness in centres, otherwise good very fine and very rare

£700-1,000



278

**Abbasid, al-Nasir (575-622h)**, dinar, Madinat al-Salam 615h, 3.52g (Kazan 206), wavy flan, very fine

£150-200



279

**Lead seal, obv.**, in field: [unread] wa 'aziz; in margin: ...sanat khams wa khamsin wa mi'atayn, rev., in field: [unread] amir | al-mu'minin | Muhammad ibn 'Abdallah; marginal legend unread, 4.76g, creased, otherwise very fine and rare

£300-500



280

**Lead seal, obv.**, in field: [...] | al-amir Muhammad | bin Ahmad, rev., sanat thalath | wa khamsin | wa mi'atain, 6.62g, very fine

£120-150



281

**Umayyad of Spain, Muhammad I (238-273h)**, dirham, al-Andalus 253h, 2.63g (Album 343.1; Miles 145c var.), good very fine and well struck, scarce thus

£100-150



282

**Idrisid, Idris II (175-192h)**, dirham, Walila 180h, 2.63g (Eustache 391), toned, some die rust, almost very fine and scarce

£120-150



283

**Idrisid, temp. Idris II (175-213h)**, fals, Walila, undated, 3.16g (Benchekroun/Liétard 4), on a full flan, good very fine and attractively patinated, rare

£200-300



284

**Idrisid, Idris II (175-213h)**, fals, without mint-name, dated 206h, 2.03g (Album 422 RR), on a square-shaped flan, very fine and well-struck for issue, scarce thus

£120-150



285

**Idrisid, Ibrahim b. al-Qasim (fl. 267-280h)**, half-dirham, al-Basra (in present-day Morocco) 267h, rev., two palms above, Ibrahim bin al-Qasim below, 1.42g (Album 427E RRR), crudely struck but very fine for issue with clear mint and date, very rare

£200-300



286

**Aghlabid, Ibrahim I (184-196h)**, dirham, Ifriqiya 193h, 2.90g (al-'Ush 189), some corrosion and reverse weak, very fine/fine and rare

£150-200



287

**Aghlabid, Ibrahim I (184-196h)**, dirham, Ifriqiya 195h, 2.77g (al-'Ush -), clipped, fair to fine and rare

£100-150



293

**Tulunid, Ahmad b. Tulun**, cast fals, Thughur al-Shamiya 264h, 3.50g (Miles, Tarsus 20), fine, rare

£250-300



‡288

**Aghlabid, Ziyadat Allah I (201-223h)**, dirham, Ifriqiya 205h, obv., citing Musa in field, rev., as al-'Ush 196, 2.95g, about extremely fine and extremely rare, believed the only published example of this date

£400-600



294

**Tulunid, Khumarawayh b. Ahmad (270-282h)**, dirham, al-Rafqa 276h (Album 665.1), 2.72g, unit of date weak, fair to fine and toned, apparently an unpublished date

£150-200



289

**Aghlabid, Muhammad II (250-261h)**, dinar, 258h, 4.25g (al-'Ush 79), some marginal weakness, very fine

£150-200



295

**Tulunid, Harun b. Khumarawayh (283-292h)**, dirham, Misr 291h, without name of Wali al-dawla, 2.95g (SICA 6, 125, Album 668.2 RR), buckled flan, cleaned and now re-toning, fine to good fine and very rare

£200-250



290

**Aghlabid, Ibrahim II (261-289)**, dinar, 275h, obv., without name of mint-master, rev., citing Ibrahim, 4.17g (al-'Ush 116), scrape on obverse and edge marks, almost very fine and scarce

£150-200



296

**Ikhshidid, Muhammad b. Tughj (323-334h)**, dirham, Filastin 332h, 3.12g (Bacharach 120), uneven toning, fine and rare

£200-250



291

**Aghlabid, Ibrahim II (261-289)**, quarter-dinar, 268h, citing Balagh, 1.03g (al-'Ush 104), unit of date a little weak but clear, very fine and scarce

£150-200



297

**Ikhshidid, Abu'l-Qasim Unujur (334-349h)**, dinar, Filastin 335h, 4.16g (Bacharach 68), very fine

£150-200



292

**Almoravid, 'Ali b. Yusuf (500-537h)**, base gold fractional dinar, citing heir Tashfin, 3.06g (Hazard 939; Album 466E RR; Monedas Andalusies 2414), good very fine for issue and rare

£250-300



298

**Ikhshidid, Abu'l-Qasim Unujur (335-349h)**, dinar, Misr 344h, 4.17g (Bacharach 62), good very fine

£150-200



299

**Ikhshidid, 'Ali b. al-Ikhshid (349-354h)**, dinar, Filastin 353h, 4.81g (Bacharach 99), *almost very fine* £200-250



305

**Fatimid, al-Mansur (334-341h)**, dinar, al-Mansuriya 338h, 4.20g (Nicol 215), *scratches and flan ragged, fine to good fine and rare* £300-400



300

**Ikhshidid, 'Ali b. al-Ikhshid (350-354h)**, dirham, Filastin 353h, 4.38g (Bacharach 193), *light crease, fine to good fine and of unusually heavy weight* £70-100



306

**Fatimid, al-Mu'izz (341-365h)**, quarter-dinar, Siqiliya 345h, 1.01g (Nicol 296), *very fine, scarce* £150-200



301

**Fatimid, al-Mahdi (297-322h)**, dinar, al-Qayrawan 297h, 3.46g (Nicol 23; cf John J. Slocum Collection part III, Sotheby's, 23-24 April 1998, lot 776, *same dies*), *of very coarse style and probably a contemporary imitation, very fine and very rare* £400-600



307

**Fatimid, al-Mu'izz (341-365h)**, dinar, Misr 359h, month of Rajab, 3.90g (Nicol 353), *very fine or better, scarce* £250-300



308

**Fatimid, al-Mu'izz (341-365h)**, dinar, Misr 359h, month of Dhu'l-Qa'da, 3.25g (Nicol 356), *clipped, almost very fine and rare* £200-250



309

**Fatimid, al-Mu'izz (341-365h)**, dinar, al-Mansuriya 349h, 4.09g (Nicol 402, citing two examples), *fine to good fine and rare* £300-400



310

**Fatimid, al-Mu'izz (341-365h)**, dinar, al-Mansuriya 350h, 3.91g (Nicol 403, citing a single example), *fine and very rare* £300-400



‡303

**Fatimid, al-Mahdi (297-322h)**, dinar, al-Mahdiya 318h, 4.11g (Nicol 62), *clipped and on a wavy flan, almost very fine and scarce* £400-600



304

**Fatimid, al-Qa'im (322-334h)**, dinar, al-Mahdiya 332h, 4.16g (Nicol 165), *fair to fine and scarce* £350-400



311  
**Fatimid, al-Mu'izz (341-365h)**, dirham, Filastin 359h, 2.73g (Nicol 340), *fair to fine and rare, the first Fatimid silver coinage from Filastin* £150-200



312  
**Fatimid, al-Mu'izz (341-365h)**, dirham, al-Mahdiya 360h, 2.58g (cf Nicol 494, of half-dirham weight only), *fine and apparently unpublished as a full dirham of this mint and date* £150-200



313  
**Fatimid, al-'Aziz (365-386h)**, quarter-dinar, Siqiliya 378h, 1.03g (Nicol 588), *very fine and scarce* £120-150



314  
**Fatimid, al-Hakim (386-411h)**, posthumous dinar, Atarablus 412h, 4.19g (Nicol 1033), *very fine and rare* £500-700



315  
**Fatimid, al-Hakim (386-411h)**, dinar, al-Mansuriya 391h, 4.06g (Nicol 1134a, citing two examples), *very fine or better and rare* £300-400



316  
**Fatimid, al-Hakim (386-411h)**, posthumous dinar, al-Mahdiya 413h, 3.98g (Nicol 1258), *fair to fine and scarce* £200-250



317  
**Fatimid, al-Hakim (386-411h)**, posthumous quarter-dinar, al-Mahdiya 413h, 0.93g (Nicol 1259), *pierced, almost very fine and rare* £150-200



318  
**Fatimid, al-Zahir (411-427h)**, quarter-dinar, Siqiliya 420h, month of Rabi' (without qualifier *al-awwal* or *al-akhir*), 0.97g (Nicol 1417), *very fine* £100-150



319  
**Fatimid, al-Mustansir (427-487h)**, dinar, Dimashq 435h, 3.89g (Nicol 1723), *faint marks on edge, good fine and rare* £700-1,000



320  
**Fatimid, al-Mustansir (427-487h)**, dinar, Trablos 458h, 3.20g (Nicol 2012, citing two examples), *reverse flan fault and die rust, very fine and rare* £500-700



321  
**Fatimid, al-Mustansir (427-487h)**, dinar, Filastin 436h, 4.21g (Nicol 2065), *flan slightly buckled, good fine* £600-800



322  
**Fatimid, al-Mustansir (427-487h)**, dinar, Filastin 440h, 3.15g (Nicol 2068, citing three examples), *edge damage, otherwise good fine and very rare* £600-800



323

**Fatimid, al-Mustansir (427-487h)**, quarter-dinar, Filastin, date off flan, 0.74g (Nicol 2083, citing a single example), *severe flan faults, good fine and extremely rare*

£200-300



324

**Fatimid, al-Musta'li (487-495h)**, quarter-dinar, 'Akka 488h, 0.99g (Nicol 2409, same dies), *mint-name largely off flan but date clear, almost very fine and rare*

£400-600



329

**Ayyubid, al-Kamil I (615-635h)**, dinar, al-Qahira 622h, 4.78g (Balog 368), *good very fine*

£150-200



330

**Ayyubid, al-Kamil I (615-635h)**, dinar, al-Qahira 626h, 5.98g (Balog 373), *metal fault in obverse margin, good very fine*

£150-200



325

**Fatimid, al-Hafiz (526-544h)**, dinar, al-Iskandariya 531h, 4.06g (Nicol 2602), *ex-mount, fine and rare*

£150-200



331

**Ayyubid, al-'Adil II (635-637h)**, dinar, al-Qahira 635h, 5.04g (Balog 504), *on a ragged flan, very fine*

£150-200



326

**Ayyubid, Saladin (as independent ruler, 570-589h)**, dinar, al-Qahira 580h, 4.76g (Balog 40), *about very fine*

£150-200



332

**Ayyubid, al-Salih Ayyub (637-647h)**, dinar, al-Qahira 640h, 4.14g (Balog 520), *very fine and scarce*

£180-220



327

**Ayyubid, al-'Adil I (596-615h)**, dinar, al-Iskandariya 610h, 7.06g (Balog 268, citing a single example; SICA 6, -), *almost very fine and a rare date*

£200-250



333

**Bahri Mamluk, Qutuz (657-658h)**, dinar, al-Qahira 658h, 4.39g (Balog 23), *margins partly off flan and so unit of date weak, otherwise good very fine for issue and rare*

£500-700



328

**Ayyubid, al-'Adil I (596-615h)**, dinar, al-Qahira 614h, 3.49g (Balog 249), *very fine*

£140-160



334

**Bahri Mamluk, Baybars I (658-676h)**, dinar, mint and date off flan, citing the Abbasid caliph al-Mustansir, 6.74g (Balog 38), *edge shaved, very fine and scarce*

£250-300

After Hulagu captured Baghdad in 656h, he killed any members of the Abbasid family who fell into his hands. One of those who escaped was Ahmad, a son of the caliph al-Zahir (622-623h), who sought refuge with Baybars in Egypt. With Mamluk support Ahmad was able to establish himself as caliph with the title al-Mustansir, and in gratitude Baybars received the title *al-Sultan al-Malik*, as shown on this coin.



335

**Bahri Mamluk, Baybars I (658-676h)**, dinar, al-Iskandariya (6)6x, rev., with mint-name at top of field, 6.35g (Balog 33.b), margins largely off-flan, almost extremely fine and scarce

£200-250



341

**Bahri Mamluk, Kitbugha (694-696h)**, dinar, mint and date mostly off flan (but attributable to Dimashq al-Mahrusa 695h by die-link), 5.29g (Balog 156, same obverse die; cf St James's Auction 37, lot 277, same dies), margins largely off flan, almost extremely fine and rare

£350-400



336

**Bahri Mamluk, Qala'un (678-689h)**, dinar, Dimashq 682h, 5.83g (Balog 120), good very fine with date particularly clear, rare thus

£300-400



342

**Bahri Mamluk, Kitbugha (694-696h)**, dinar, al-Qahira, date off flan, rev., with *al-dinar al-mubarak* in mint/date formula, 5.26g (cf Balog 155), margins mostly off flan, about extremely fine and rare

£250-300



337

**Bahri Mamluk, Qala'un (678-689h)**, dinar, Dimashq, date off flan, obv., mint/date formula reads *duriba hadha al-dinar al-mubarak bi-Dimashq...*, 6.90g (cf ICA 27, lot 501, same dies), almost extremely fine

£200-250



343

**Bahri Mamluk, Lajin (696-698h)**, dinar, al-Qahira, date almost entirely off flan (probably 697h), 7.36g (cf Balog 162), struck slightly off-centre with margins partly off flan, about extremely fine and rare

£250-300



338

**Bahri Mamluk, Qala'un (678-689h)**, dinar, al-Qahira, date off flan, 5.48g (vide Balog 118), good very fine

£200-250



344

**Bahri Mamluk, Nasir al-din Muhammad (Second Reign, 698-708h)**, dinar, al-Qahira al-Mahrusa 707h, 7.08g (Balog 168), almost extremely fine and with marginal legends virtually complete, rare thus

£300-350



339

**Bahri Mamluk, al-Ashraf Khalil (689-693h)**, dinar, al-Qahira al-Mahrusa [69]2h, 7.20g (Balog 144, same rev. die), good very fine and rare

£400-500



345

**Bahri Mamluk, Nasir al-din Muhammad (Second Reign, 698-708h)**, dinar, Dimashq 708h, 6.22g (Balog -; SICA 6, -), good very fine, rare

£250-300



340

**Bahri Mamluk, al-Ashraf Khalil (689-693h)**, dinar, [al-Qahira or Dimashq] al-Mahrusa 690h, 6.79g (cf Balog 142 or 148), some flat striking, good very fine and rare

£300-400



346

**Bahri Mamluk, Nasir al-din Muhammad (Third Reign, 709-741h)**, dinar, Hamah, date off flan, 4.30g, margins almost entirely off flan, otherwise good very fine and rare

£250-300



351

**Bahri Mamluk, Nasir al-din Muhammad (Third Reign, 709-741h)**, dinar, Dimashq 722h, 7.61g (Balog -; SICA 6 -), reverse off-centre, otherwise very fine and very rare

£300-400



347

**Bahri Mamluk, Nasir al-din Muhammad (Third Reign, 709-741h)**, dinar, Dimashq 710h, 6.42g (cf Balog 178 [711h]), margins mostly off flan, otherwise extremely fine with some lustre

£250-300



352

**Bahri Mamluk, Nasir al-din Muhammad (Third Reign, 709-741h)**, dinar, (al-Qahira) 718h (mint off flan but attributed to Cairo by arrangement of legends), 7.70g (vide Balog 177), patch of staining, about extremely fine

£250-300



348

**Bahri Mamluk, Nasir al-din Muhammad (Third Reign, 709-741h)**, dinar, Dimashq 712h, 6.19g (cf Balog 178 [711h]), struck off-centre and on an irregular flan, good very fine

£250-300



353

**Bahri Mamluk, Nasir al-din Muhammad (Third Reign, 709-741h)**, dinar, al-Qahira 739h, 7.31g (Balog 183), good very fine

£250-300



349

**Bahri Mamluk, Nasir al-din Muhammad (Third Reign, 709-741h)**, dinar, Dimashq al-Mahrusa, date off flan, 6.03g (cf Balog 179), on an irregular flan with margins mostly lacking, otherwise extremely fine

£200-250



354

**Rassid, al-Hadi (284-298h)**, dinar, Sa'da 298h, 2.89g (Bernardi 373Ek; Album 1065), minor edge marks, about very fine

£150-200

Ex ICA 21, 17 July 2012, lot 565.



350

**Bahri Mamluk, Nasir al-din Muhammad (Third Reign, 709-741h)**, dinar, Dimashq al-Mahrusa, date off flan, rev., with mint name and epithet in field, 6.10g, margins almost entirely lacking, otherwise about extremely fine and with calligraphy of fine style

£250-300



355

**Rassid sudaysi (2)**, both Sa'da mint, issues of al-Hadi (284-298h) and al-Nasir (301-324h), 0.48, 0.49g (SICA 10, 196, 198ff), good very fine (2)

£80-120



356  
**Ziyadid, Ishaq b. Ibrahim (343-362h)**, dinar, Zabid 346h, 2.80g (SICA 10, 76f), *good very fine and rare* £400-600



362  
**Sulayhid, 'Ali b. Muhammad (439-473h)**, pale gold dinar, mint (Zabid) and date blundered, 1.92g (Album 1075.3), *a particularly crude imitation of a type sometimes attributed to Ethiopia, very fine* £60-80



357  
**Ziyadid, Ishaq b. Ibrahim (343-362h)**, dinar, Zabid 352h, 2.72g (SICA 10, 108-112), *creased, very fine and rare* £200-300



363  
**Sulayhid, temp. 'Arwa bint Ahmad (484-532h)**, half-dinar, 'Adan 487h, 1.17g (SICA 10, 63-64; Album 1078.1), *good very fine* £150-200



358  
**Najjahid, Jayyash b. al-Mu'ayyad (fl. 465-482h)**, dinar, Zabid [46]5h, 2.38g (Album 1074; SICA 10, 150), *almost extremely fine* £180-220



Ex Spink auction 1011, 30 September 2010, lot 512.

364  
**Sulayhid, temp. 'Arwa bint Ahmad (484-532h)**, half-dinar, mint and date (5xx) unclear, obv., with *al-imam* above field, 1.14g (Album 1078.1), *some discolouration, very fine* £80-120



359  
**Sulayhid, 'Ali b. Muhammad (439-473h)**, dinar, Zabid 451h, 2.45g (Album 1075.2), *obverse weak, some deposit, very fine to good very fine* £80-120



365  
**Sulayhid, temp. 'Arwa bint Ahmad (484-532h)**, half-dinar, Dhu Jibla 487h, 1.18g (SICA 10, 63-64; Album 1078.1), *very fine* £70-100



360  
**Sulayhid, 'Ali b. Muhammad (439-473h)**, dinar, Zabid, date unclear (but apparently not intended for 451h), 2.43g (Album 1075.2), *about extremely fine* £100-150



366  
**Zuray'id, anonymous (after 506h)**, dinar, 'Adan 513h, in the name of al-Mukarram, 2.28g (Bikhazi 246), *very fine or better* £150-200



361  
**Sulayhid, 'Ali b. Muhammad (439-473h)**, pale gold dinar, mint (Zabid) and date blundered, 2.26g (SICA 10, 149; Album 1075.3), *two scratches on reverse, otherwise good very fine* £70-100



367

**Zuray'id, anonymous (after 506h)**, dinar, 'Adan 515h, in the name of al-Mukarram, 2.42g (Bikhazi 248; Album 1079), *very fine*

£150-200

Ex Spink auction 1009, 25 March 2010, lot 442.



372

**Hamdanid, Nasir al-dawla and Sayf al-dawla (330-356h)**, donative dirham with broad margins, Halab 334h, citing al-Mustakfi, rev., apparently with *ibriz* below, 3.34g (cf Bikhazi 82-84), *struck from specially-prepared dies and with plain outer band clearly visible on reverse, some weak areas on both sides, otherwise about very fine and extremely rare* £500-700



368

**Zuray'id, anonymous (after 506h)**, dinar, 'Adan 522h, in the name of al-Mukarram, 2.39g (Bikhazi 252; Album 1079), *slightly ragged flan, very fine*

£150-200

Ex Spink auction 14038, 2 December 2014, lot 340.



373

**Hamdanid, Nasir al-dawla and Sayf al-dawla (330-356h)**, dirham, Raqqa 332h, 2.64g (Bikhazi -; Tiesenhausen 2458 [as Abbasid]), *good fine and rare*

£200-250



369

**Zuray'id, anonymous (after 506h)**, dinar, 'Adan 529h, obv., letter 'ayn above field, 2.39g (Album 1079), *slightly ragged edge, very fine and scarce*

£180-220



374

**Hamdanid, Nasir al-dawla and Sayf al-dawla (330-356h)**, dirham, Nisibin 330h, 3.81g (Tiesenhausen 2448 [as Abbasid]), *centres weak, good fine with clear mint and date, scarce*

£100-120



370

**Zuray'id, Muhammad b. Saba' (c. 532-560h)**, dinar, 'Adan [5]36h, citing al-Mukarram and the Fatimid al-Amir, 2.40g (Album 1080.1), *ragged edge, good fine and rare*

£200-300



375

**Hamdanid, Nasir al-dawla and Sayf al-dawla (330-356h)**, dirham, al-Mawsil 348h, without *sanat* in mint/date formula, 3.42g (Bikhazi 40-42), *minor striking weakness on both sides, good very fine and scarce*

£150-200



‡371

**Hamdanid, Nasir al-dawla and Sayf al-dawla (330-356h)**, dirham, Halab 334h, citing al-Mustakfi, 2.57g (Bikhazi 82-84), *an exceptional striking, almost extremely fine and very rare thus*

£200-250



376

**Anti-Hamdanid Rebellion**, dirham, Antakiya 353h, *obv.*, *la ilaha illa | Allah wahdahu | la sharik lahu | al-haqq al-mubin*, 2.42g (RIC 360, same dies), crude and some spelling errors in legends, about very fine and extremely rare

£400-600

The date on this coin is strangely engraved, which led Miles to read it as 339h. The decade, however, is clearly *khamsin*, 'fifty', and the unit of the date is best read as *thalath* with a *lam-alif* (so Ilisch, Münzen und Medaillen auction 76, 19-20 September 1991, lot 1055 and note)



377

**Hamdanid, Nasir al-dawla alone (356-358h)**, dirham, Nisibin 356h, *obv.*, citing heir as *Abu Taghlib Fadl Allah* and with *musafa harq* ('refined through heating') below, 4.06g (Album 749), about very fine and scarce

£150-200



378

**Hamdanid Governor of Aleppo, Qarghuya (fl. 358h)**, dirham, Madinat [Halab] 35[8]h, *rev.*, citing *Qarghuya* below, 2.30g, about fine and extremely rare, apparently unpublished

£300-500

In the year 358h two large rebellions took place within Sayf al-dawla's territory, including one in Antioch under the leadership of Rashid b. 'Abdallah al-Nasimi, who raised an army and laid siege to Aleppo. The town was defended for Sayf al-dawla by his *ghilman*, Qarghuya, who is named on this coin. Rashid b. 'Abdallah was killed three months into the resulting siege, but Qarghuya was eventually defeated by the new rebel commander, Dizbar, and Aleppo taken later that year.



379

**Hamdanid, 'Uddat al-dawla Abu Taghlib (358-369h)**, dirham, al-Raqqa 3[5]9h, *obv.*, citing his heir *Abu'l-Barakat Lutf Allah*, 5.30g (Album 750.2 RR), some weak striking, almost very fine and rare

£250-300



380

**Hamdanid, 'Uddat al-dawla Abu Taghlib (358-369h)**, dirham, Nisibin 361h, without name of heir, 2.78g (Album 750.1), about very fine

£150-200



381

**Hamdanid, 'Uddat al-dawla Abu Taghlib (358-369h)**, dirham, Mayyafaraqin 365h, 3.36g (Album 750.1), fine, a very rare mint for this ruler

£200-300



382

**Qarmatid, al-Hasan b. Ahmad**, dirham, Dimashq 361h, 3.01g (Vardanyan 10), usual poor strike but with clear mint and date, fair and rare

£150-200



383

**Qarmatid, al-Hasan b. Ahmad**, dirham, Dimashq 362h, 1.78g (Vardanyan 16), weak areas on both sides, fine and rare

£200-300



384

**Qarmatid, Alptekin Abu Mansur al-Mu'izzi (fl. 364-367h)**, dirham, Filastin 367h, *obv.*, in fourth and fifth lines of field: *al-Ta'i lillah | al-sayyid al-ra'is*, *rev.*, in field: *lillah | Muhammad | rasul | Allah | al-sayyid Ja'far al-Fadl | Abu Mansur al-Mu'izzi*, 2.50g (cf Vardanyan 32), fine and excessively rare, apparently an unrecorded variety for this very rare issue

£800-1,000



385

**Wajhid, Ahmad b. Halil (fl. 290-312h)**, dirham, 'Uman 304h (Oman, p.130; Album F1160 RR), some staining, fine to good fine and rare

£300-400



390

**Seljuq of Rum, Kaykhusraw I (Second Reign, 600-607h)**, dirham, Qunya 602h, 2.94g (Broome 65), very fine

£100-150



‡386

**Mukramid Rulers of 'Uman, Nasir al-Din (fl. 411-427h)**, dinar, 'Uman 421h, 4.85g (Oman p.137; Album 1164 RR), crudely struck as normal for the issue, about very fine and rare

£500-700



391

**Seljuq of Rum, Kaykhusraw I (Second Reign, 600-607h)**, fals, Malatya, undated, obv., horseman right with Ghiyath - al-din above and mint-name below, 2.97g (Broome 93ii), very fine and scarce

£120-150



387

**Artuqid, Fakhr al-Din Kara Arslan (539-570h)**, AE dirham, nimbrate bust of Christ facing, rev., four-line inscription within marginal legend, 6.82g (SS 1), good fine and rare

£200-300



392

**Seljuq of Rum /Cilician Armenia, Hetoum II and Kayqubad (623-634h)**, bilingual tram, without mint or date, 2.54g (Broome 1101; Nercessian 317), some staining, almost very fine and scarce

£150-200



388

**Zangid of Syria, Nur al-Din Mahmud**, AE fals, Halab, undated, 4.82g (SS 73), fine

£40-60



393

**Seljuq of Rum /Cilician Armenia, Hetoum II and Kaykhusraw II (634-644h)**, bilingual tram, Sis 641h, 2.94g (Broome 1110; Nercessian 326), adjustment marks on obverse, good very fine

£200-250



389

**Seljuq of Rum, Malikshah**, AE, nimbrate horsemanship to right being crowned by Victory, 2.03g (Broome 37; Album 1195 RRR), somewhat off-centre, about very fine and rare

£150-200



394

**Seljuq of Rum, Kayka'us II (as sole ruler, 643-647h)**, half-dirham, Siwas 644h 1.43g (Broome 318A), toned, good very fine

£200-250



395

**Lu'luid, Badr al-din Lu'lui' (631-657h)**, dinar, al-Mawsil 645h, 5.22g (Jafar 50), *minor weakness in margins, very fine* £180-220



396

**Ottoman, Selim I (918-926h)**, sultani, Qustantaniya 918h, 3.50g (Pere 116), *evenly struck, good very fine and scarce* £500-700



397

**Ottoman, Sulayman I (926-974h)**, sultani, Brusa 926h, 3.47g (Pere 163), *good fine* £150-200



398

**Ottoman, Suleyman I (926-974h)**, sultani, Janja 926h, 3.44g (Pere 164), *some weakness, very fine and rare* £300-400



399

**Ottoman, Suleyman I (926-974h)**, sultani, Quchaniya 926h, 3.45g (Pere 175), *flan crack, fine and scarce* £150-200



400

**Ottoman, Selim II (974-982h)**, sultani, Jaza'ir 974h, 3.45g (Pere 232 var.), *very fine or better* £150-200



401

**Ottoman, Selim II (974-982h)**, sultani, Saqiz 974h, 3.40g (Pere 241), *very fine, scarce* £300-350



402

**Ottoman, Murad III (982-1003h)**, sultani, Tarablus 982h, mint-name lacking the 'l' and so reads *Tarabus*, 3.49g (cf Pere 282), *obverse off-centre with date largely off flan, edge shaved, very fine and scarce* £200-250



403

**Ottoman, Muhammad III (1003-1012h)**, sultani, Halab 1003h, 3.41g (Pere 320), *almost extremely fine* £140-160



404

**Ottoman, Mehmet III (1003-1012h)**, sultani, Toqat 1003h 3.29g (Pere 328), *some flat striking, has been made round for mounting, otherwise very fine and scarce* £200-250



405

**Ottoman, Mehmed IV (1058-1099h)**, sultani, Trablus Gharb 1078h, 3.45g (Pere 449), *some weak striking, good fine and scarce* £200-250



406

**Ottoman, Mustafa II (1106-1115h)**, jadid ashrafi, Edirne 1106h, 3.41g (Pere 481), *pierced, fine and scarce* £140-180



407

**Ottoman, Ahmad III (1115-1143h)**, kabir ashrafi tek, Qustantaniya 1115h, 3.35g (Pere 507), *pierced and with light crease, good fine and scarce*

£300-400



408

**Ottoman, 'Abd al-Hamid I (1187-1203h)**, 1½ funduq, Islambol 1187/2, 5.13g (Pere 654), *traces of mounting at edge above toughra, good very fine and scarce of this year*

£200-300



409

**Tahirid, Tahir b. al-Husayn (205-207h)**, dirham, Madinat Samarcand 206h, rev., citing *al-'Ala*; **Abbasid, al-Ma'mun (194-218h)**, dirham, Madinat Samarcand 195h, 2.85, 2.58g (Lowick 2701, 2637), *very fine, both scarce (2)*

£100-150



410

**Saffarid, Tahir b. Muhammad al-Tamimi**, 1/10 dirham, without mint or date, *obv., al-nasir, rev., Allah | wali | Tahir*, 0.31g (Album 1415C RRR), *almost very fine, rare*

£200-300



411

**Amirs of Bust, Baytuz (fl. 359-365h)**, fals, Bust 359h, 1.89g (Album D1478 RR), *some spotting, fine to good fine and rare*

£80-120



412

**Samanid, Ahmad b. Isma'il (295-301h)**, dirham, Balkh 300h, rev., *al-Qudra* below, 2.91g (SNAT XIVc -), *about extremely fine and scarce*

£100-150



413

**Samanid, Ishaq b. Ahmad (301h)**, dirham, Samarcand 301h, 2.74g (Album 1448), *centres a little weak, very fine or better and very rare*

£400-600



‡414

**Samanid, Nasr b. Ahmad (301-331h)**, dinar, Samarcand 302h, 4.20g (Bernardi 269Qe RR), *good very fine and rare*

£300-400



415

**Samanid, Nasr II b. Ahmad (301-331h)**, dinar, Qazwin 328h, *obv., letter jim to right and below field, four pellets above, uncertain symbol to left, rev., three annulets at left, right and bottom of field, 3.51g (Bernardi 300Mk RR), weakly struck but very fine to good very fine, rare*

£180-220



416

**Samanid, Nasr II b. Ahmad**, dinar, al-Muhammadiya 322h, citing al-Qahir, with elaborate calligraphy and ornaments in fields on both sides, *bakh* repeated four times in outer obverse margin, 3.33g (Bernardi 282Mh), *uneven striking, about very fine*

£140-160



421

**Samanid, Nuh b. Nasr (331-341h)**, dirham, Balkh 330h (*sic*), citing Tukat, 2.37g (SNAT XIVc, 594), *corroded and cleaned, fair to fine and rare*

£80-120



417

**Samanid, Nasr II b. Ahmad (301-331h)**, dinar, al-Muhammadiya 331h, *obv.*, with *nasr min lillah wa fath | qarib* below, *rev.*, letters *jim* and *ra* to right of field and annulet below, 4.36g (Bernardi 328Mh; Miles 171A), *minor marks on obverse, about very fine and scarce*

£180-220



418

**Samanid, Nasr II b. Ahmad (301-331h)**, dirham, al-Muhammadiya 324h, 2.70g (Miles 165B), *very fine or better and rare*

£150-200



422

**Samanid, Mansur b. Nuh (350-365h)**, dinar, Harat 359h, *Abi (?) above obverse field, 2.83g (Album 1464), flan split, very fine or better and scarce*

£120-150



419

**Samanid, Nasr II b. Ahmad (301-331h)**, dirham, Naysabur 315h, 2.08g, *very fine and a rare date*

£80-120



420

**Samanid, Nuh b. Nasr (331-341h)**, dinar, al-Muhammadiya 331h, with broad margins on both sides each containing four annulets at cardinal points, *obv.*, in field, to left: *Nasr min lillah*, *rev.*, citing the caliph al-Muttaqi, 3.67g (ICA 17, lot 539; cf Miles 171B; cf Bernardi 332Mh), *toned, centres weak, almost very fine for issue and rare*

£200-300



424

**Uncertain**, a contemporary imitation of an Abbasid dirham with highly stylized and blundered legends, believed to be Eastern European, 2.98g, *very fine and interesting* £200-300



425

**Volga Bulgars?**, an imitation of a dirham of Ahmad b. Ismail, 'Satraqand' (*sic*) 295h, 2.42g (cf Album Q1481), *minor weakness, about extremely fine and unusual* £200-250



426

**Volga Bulghars**, dirham, imitating a Samanid issue of Ahmad b. Ismail, mint and date intended for al-Shash 299h, symbol above obverse field, 2.94g (Album Q1481), *good very fine, scarce*

£150-200



431

**Buwayhid, Ahmad b. Buwayh (328-356h)**, dirham, Tustur min al-Ahwaz 333h, rev., *lillah | Muhammad rasul Allah | sali Allah 'alayhi | al-Muttaqi lillah | 'Ali ibn Buwayh*, 4.24g (Treadwell Tu333 var.), *very fine and very rare, apparently an unpublished variety*

£80-120



427

**Volga Bulghars, Talib b. Ahmad (338-347h)**, dirham, Suwar 338h, 4.73g (Album O1481 RR), *some weak striking, good fine for issue and rare*

£300-400



432

**Buwayhid, Ahmad b. Buwayh (328-356h)**, dirham, al-'Askar min al-Ahwaz 333h, rev., citing al-Muttaqi, 4.79g (Treadwell Aw333 var.), *tiny edge split, very fine and very rare, apparently an unpublished variety*

£80-120



428

**Volga Bulghars, Talib b. Ahmad (338-347h)**, dirham, Suwar 343h, unit of date written *thalatha* with *lam-alif*, 2.94g (Album O1481 RR), *small edge split, good fine and rare*

£300-400



‡433

**Buwayhid, Rukn al-dawla (335-366h)**, dinar, Isbahan 360h, 3.27g (Treadwell Is360G), *with broad outer margins, some weak striking on both sides, otherwise good very fine and very rare*

£400-500



429

**Volga Bulghars, Mikhail b. Ja'far (mid-4<sup>th</sup> century)**, dirham, mint and date unclear, 3.30g (Album P1481), *crudely struck and with edge splits, almost very fine for issue and very rare*

£300-400



434

**Sallarid, Ibrahim b. al-Marzuban (fl. 353-356h)**, dirham, Ardabil 354h, rev., naming only the caliph al-Muti' and the Sallarid governor as *Ibrahim b. al-Marzuban*, 4.90g (cf Vardanyan 14-15), *margins weak, fine and apparently an unrecorded variety*

£250-300



430

**Buwayhid, al-Hasan b. Buwayh (Governor of Khuzistan, 328-331h)**, dirham, Ramhurmuz 328h, obv., citing *'Ali b. Buwayh* as overlord, 2.57g (Album T1546; Treadwell -), *some weak striking, good fine and extremely rare, apparently unpublished*

£120-150

Vardanyan records two types of this mint and date for Ibrahim b. al-Marzuban, additionally citing either his uncle Wahsudan or his vizier Sa'id b. 'Abdallah. This variety, naming Ibrahim alone, appears to be unpublished.



435

**'Alids of Tabaristan, temp. al-Hasan b. al-Qasim (314-316h)**, dinar, al-Muhammadiya 316h, rev., naming *al-Rida min Al Muhammad*, 3.92g (Bernardi 369vMh), *slightly wavy flan, almost very fine for issue*

£250-300



440

**Great Seljuq, Sanjar and Muhammad I (492-511h)**, dinar, Balkh 499h, rev., first two lines only of *Ayat al-Kursi* (Qur'an 2:255) in field, 3.29g (cf SNAT XIVc 770 [503h] for similar reverse legend), *considerable flat striking but very fine and with handsome calligraphy*

£150-200



436

**Great Seljuq, Tughril Beg (429-455h)**, dinar, al-Rayy 450h, 3.24g, *creased, fine to good fine and rare*

£140-160

The last of the Buwayhids, al-Malik al-Rahim, died in prison in Rayy during this year.



441

**Great Seljuq, Sanjar and Muhammad I (492-511h)**, dinar, Balkh 503h, obv., central legends within looped border, rev., first two lines of *Ayat al-Kursi* (Qur'an 2:255) in field, halberd and sword to either side, 3.21g (SNAT XIVc, 773), *margins weakly struck, about very fine for issue with clear mint and date*

£200-250



437

**Great Seljuq, Alp Arslan (455-465h)**, dinar, Isbahan 463h, 2.16g (Album 1670), *crinkled flan, good fine with clear mint and date*

£120-150



442

**Great Seljuq, Sanjar and Muhammad I (492-511h)**, dinar, Walwalij [49]8h, month of *Dhu'l-Quda*, obv., elaborately decorated border around field, rev., with first two lines of *Ayat al-Kursi* (Qur'an 2:255) in field, 3.57g (Album 1685A), *crudely struck, fine and rare*

£200-300



438

**Great Seljuq, Sanjar and Barkiyaruq (490-498h)**, dinar, Balkh 491h, rev., with *Ayat al-Kursi* (Qur'an 2:255) as far as *ya'alamu* in field, 4.25g (SNAT XIVc, 768), *typical weak striking, about very fine for issue and rare*

£600-800



443

**Seljuq of Western Iran, Mahmud II (511-525h)**, dinar, Rudhravar, date off-flan, without governor's name, 1.45g (Album 1688), *crudely struck, good fine and scarce* £150-200



439

**Great Seljuq, Sanjar and Barkiyaruq (490-498h)**, dinar, Walwalij 491h, rev., with *Ayat al-Kursi* (Qur'an 2:255) as far as *illa bi-idhnihi* in field, sword to right, 4.59g (Album 1684A, 'Balkh mint only'), *typically crude strike, very fine and rare*

£600-800



444

**Khwarezmshah, Muhammad (596-617h)**, double dirham, Ghazna type, without mint or date, citing the caliph al-Nasir, 6.18g (Album 1714 RRR), *very fine or better, rare*

£80-120



445  
**Great Mongols, Möngke Khan (648-657h)**, AE jital, 3.57g (Album 1978A), *about very fine, scarce* £80-120



451  
**Zand, Karim Khan (1166-1193h)**, quarter-mohur, Tabriz 1186h, 2.71g (SICA 9, 588), *very fine* £120-150



446  
**Ilkhanid, Abu Sa'id (716-736h)**, dinar, Qays 720h, 8.16g (Diler 488), *about very fine for issue* £250-300



452  
**Zand, Karim Khan (1166-1193h)**, quarter-mohur, Qazwin 1187h, 2.73g (SICA 9, 1025A; Album 2791), *about extremely fine* £150-200



447  
**Chaghataid, Buyan Quli Khan (749-760h)**, silver 12-dirhams, without mint-name (struck in Harat), dated 758h, 8.38g (Album A2009), *good very fine and scarce* £100-150



448  
**Muzaffarid, Shah Shuja' (759-786h)**, silver 2-dinars, type E, Shiraz, date unclear (767h by type), 3.26g (Album 2285.5 RR), *margins weak, very fine and rare* £80-120



453  
**Zand, Karim Khan (1166-1193h)**, eighth-mohur, Dar al-'Ibada Yazd 1189h, 1.32g (Album 2792E), *creased, otherwise good very fine, rare* £80-120



454  
**India, Sultans of Dehli, Tughluq (720-725h)**, gold tanka, Qila' Deogir 724h, 10.80g (GG D302), *small drill-mark in reverse field, edge smoothed, good very fine* £400-600



455  
**India, Sultans of Dehli, Muhammad b. Tughluq (725-752h)**, gold tanka, Shahr Sultanpur 725h, 12.71g (GG D333 RR), *tiny scrape on obverse, very fine and rare* £400-600



449  
**Safavid, Ismail I (907-930h)**, silver shahi, Badakhshan 918h, 9.28g (Album 2576), *small test-mark on obverse, very fine and very rare* £300-400



450  
**Hotaki Afghan, Azad Khan (1163-1170h)**, shahi, type F, Isfahan 1169h 1.18g (Album 2734 RRR), *good very fine for issue and rare* £70-100



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**India, Sultans of Dehli, Muhammad b. Tughluq (725-752h)**, gold tanka, Dehli 742h, 11.07g (GG D427), *minor scuffs, good very fine* £400-600



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**India, Sultans of Dehli, temp. Muhammad b. Tughluq (725-752h)**, gold tanka, without mint, dated '6' for 746h, in the name of the Abbasid caliph al-Hakim II (742-753h), legends within quatrefoil, 11.07g (GG D440), *minor graffiti on obverse, almost extremely fine* £350-400



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**India, Sultans of Dehli, temp. Muhammad b. Tughluq (725-752h)**, gold tanka, without mint or date, in the name of the Abbasid caliph al-Hakim II (742-753h), legends within double cinquefoil, 11.13g (GG D442), *pin-marks on reverse, very fine to good very fine* £350-400



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**India, Sultans of Dehli, Fath Khan (from 760h)**, gold tanka, mint and date off flan, 10.88g (GG D505-506), *drill-mark on obverse, fine and scarce* £350-400



460

**India, Bengal Presidency**, a contemporary imitation of a Murshidabad mohur with letters 'GR' in lower segment on obverse, 11.41g (cf Stephen Album Rare Coins auction 18, lot 1815 for a similar piece with 'RN' similarly placed), *probably a jeweller's imitation made in the nineteenth or early twentieth century, traces of mounting on obverse, very fine and unusual* £350-400

461

**Books:** Miles, G.C., *The Coinage of the Umayyads of Spain*, 2 volumes, New York, 1950, in attractive half-leather bindings, some sunning to spines but fine copies; with Miles, G.C., *Coins of the Spanish Muluk al-Tawa'if*, New York, 1954 and *idem, The Coinage of the Arab Amirs of Crete*, New York, 1970, original tan soft covers, in good order; and Wright, H.N., *Catalogue of the Coins in the Indian Museum, Calcutta: Volume II, Muhammadan Series*, Oxford, 1907, spine and covers slightly tatty but sound (5) £180-220

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